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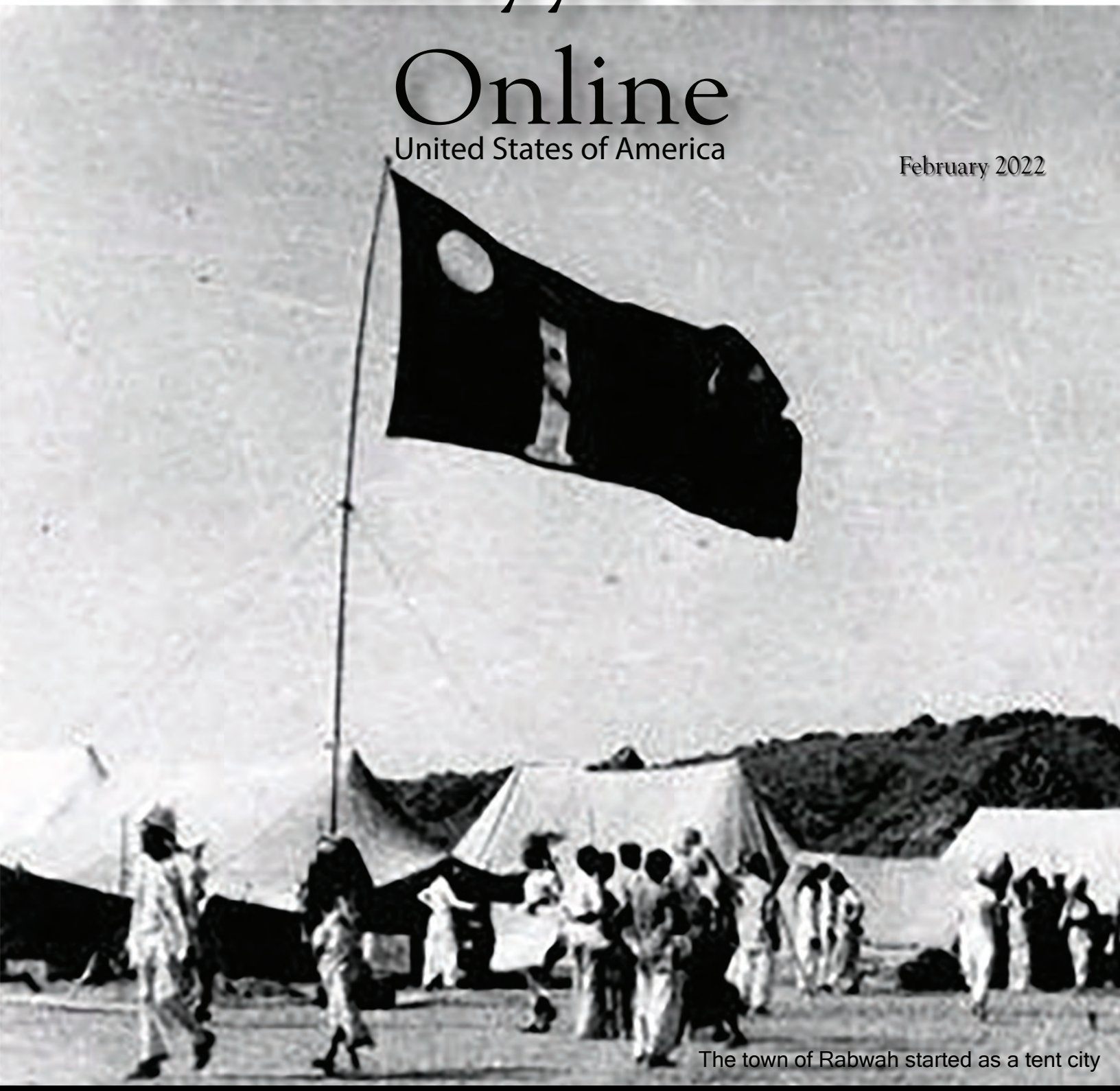

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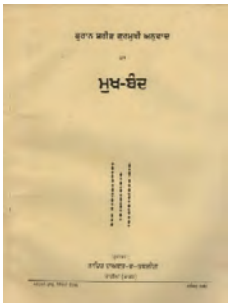


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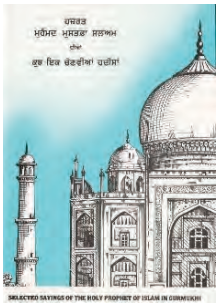

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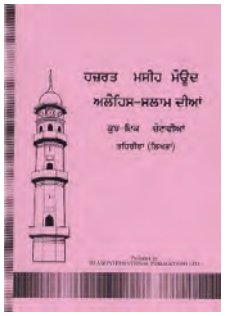


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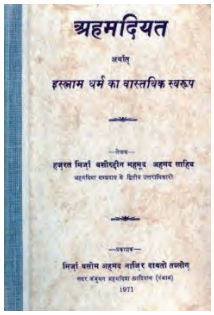


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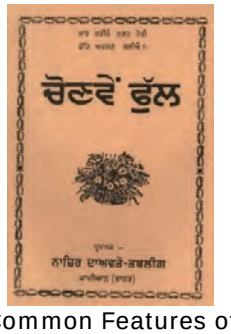


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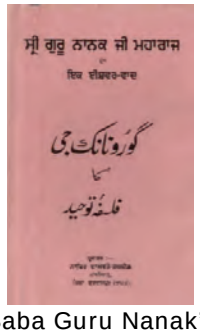


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| s.a./s: | Ṣallallahu 'Alaihi Wa Sallam (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) |
| a.s./a: | 'Alaih-is-Salām |
| r.a.: | Raḍiyallāhu 'Anhu/'Anha (may Allah be pleased with him/her) |
| r.h.: | Raḥimahullāhu Ta'ālā (may Allah shower His mercy on him) |
| a.b.a.: | Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā Bi-Naṣrihil-'Azīz (may Allah support him with His mighty help) |


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# The Promised Reformer

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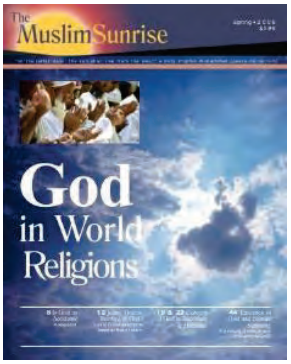


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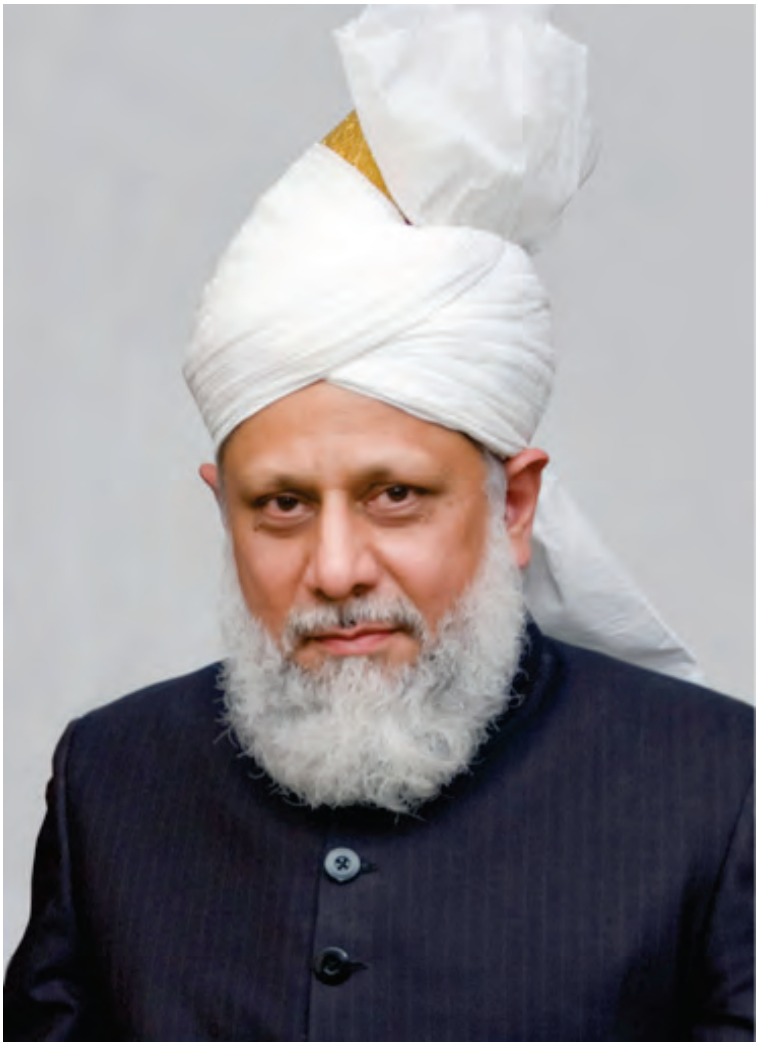
# New Year 2022 Message From the Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

**(May Allah support him with His mighty help)**



The new year is beginning tomorrow. May Allah make this new year blessed for the Community and its members. May the Community be kept safe from all evils and may all the plots against this Community be foiled. May we be among those who witness the fulfillment of the promise made by God to the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him).

We should enter into the new year with prayers. *Tahajjud* [pre-dawn voluntary prayers] should be offered, and many mosques are arranging for this. Those who have not yet made plans should do so. If it is not possible in congregation, then people should offer *Tahajjud* individually in their homes.

Along with *Durood Sharif* [prayers for the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)] and *Istighfar* [seeking forgiveness], the following prayers should be recited:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوْبَنَا بَعْدَ اِذْ
هَدَيْتَنَا وَ هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ
لَّدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً ۚ اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ
الْوَهَّابُ

Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou hast guided us; and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou alone art the Bestower. (3[Aal-e-`Imran]: 9)

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوْبَنَا وَ
اِسْرَافَنَا فِيْٓ اَمْرِنَا وَ ثَبِّتْ
اَقْدَامَنَا وَ انْصُرْنَا عَلَى
الْقَوْمِ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ

Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people. (3[Aal-e-`Imran]: 148)

(From Summary of Friday Sermon delivered by Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Mubarak Mosque, Tilford, UK on 31 December 2021 posted on alislam.org)

# New Year Message from the Ameer USA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December 31, 2021

**Dear** Members of USA Jamaat:

I wish you a Happy New Year. As the clock strikes midnight, may we all be immersed in prayer and good intentions for the New Year. We usher in this year in a very unsettled time under a cloud of anxiety and apprehension of a raging pandemic, climate change, economic uncertainty, income inequality, and a glut of misinformation on social media, which has caused societal mistrust and strained our relationships. We have become eager to question lawful authorities and give judgement on the basis of insufficient evidence and false premises. Our irrational and self-righteous behavior has become a pretense to reform the society. But, in reality it has brought us to the brink of self-destruction of a society as we know it.

These elements have also challenged our faith and eroded our spirituality. In the name of freedom we feel free to express all of our thoughts, right or wrong, and yet hesitate to talk of the commandments of God and instructions of the Prophet[sa] with regards to our responsibilities and behavior. In this chaotic and misguided world, members of Jamaat Ahmadiyya are fortunate to have accepted the Prophet of our times, Hazrat Masih Maud[as]. We are guided by his teachings and comforted by the glad tidings given to him of the second manifestation for his true followers according to Quranic verse:

"He would change a state of fear into a state of peace and security." (24:56).

Allah exhorts, "And hold fast altogether to the rope of Allah" (3:124).

In this age and time, that rope is Khilafat Ahmadiyya. May we enter into this New Year seeking Allah's forgiveness and His pleasure. May we enter the New Year with a resolute commitment to safeguard Khilafat Ahmadiyya and may we do so by affirming and renewing our Pledge of Bait of complete obedience to the divine successor of the Promised Messiah[as].

May Allah help us to do so, to become the recipient of His Promise of lasting peace and security in this world of unrest and distress.

May Allah be with you all.

Wassalam,

Khaksar,

Mirza Maghfoor Ahmad

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## Truth Shall Prevail:

## Guidance from the Holy Qur'ān

اَلَّذِيۡنَ كَفَرُوۡا وَ صَدُّوۡا عَنۡ سَبِيۡلِ اللّٰهِ اَضَلَّ اَعۡمَالَهُمۡ ﴿۲﴾ وَ الَّذِيۡنَ اٰمَنُوۡا وَ عَمِلُوا
الصّٰلِحٰتِ وَ اٰمَنُوۡا بِمَا نُزِّلَ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ هُوَ الۡحَقُّ مِنۡ رَّبِّهِمۡ ۙ كَفَّرَ عَنۡهُمۡ سَيِّاٰتِهِمۡ وَ
اَصۡلَحَ بَالَهُمۡ ﴿۳﴾ ذٰلِكَ بِاَنَّ الَّذِيۡنَ كَفَرُوا اتَّبَعُوا الۡبَاطِلَ وَ اَنَّ الَّذِيۡنَ اٰمَنُوا اتَّبَعُوا الۡحَقَّ
مِنۡ رَّبِّهِمۡ ؕ كَذٰلِكَ يَضۡرِبُ اللّٰهُ لِلنَّاسِ اَمۡثَالَهُمۡ ﴿۴﴾

Those who disbelieve and hinder men from the way of Allah—He renders their works vain. But as for those who believe and do good works and believe in that which has been revealed to Muhammad—and it is the truth from their Lord—He removes from them their sins and sets right their affairs. That is because those who disbelieve follow falsehood while those who believe follow the truth from their Lord. Thus does Allah set forth for men their similitudes. (47:1-4)

## Son Shall be Similar to His Father

## Guidance from the Holy Prophet

يَنْزِلُ عِيسَى بْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ، فَيَتَزَوَّجُ وَيُوْلَدُ لَهٗ

(Mishkat, Chapter Descent of Jesus, Son of Mary, p. 480)

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said,

"When 'Isa (Jesus Christ), son of Mary, descends upon the earth, he will marry and will have children."

**Explanation:** Explaining this Hadith, the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) says,

"The Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be on him, was informed that the Promised Messiah will marry and will have children. There is an indication in it that Almighty Allah will grant him a righteous son who will be similar to his father and will not differ from him, and he will be among the honored servants of Allah. Secret in it is that Allah does not give tidings of progeny to prophets and holy men unless the birth of righteous is decreed." (Ā'īna-i-Kamālāt-i-Islam, p. 578, translated from Arabic by Gazette staff)

# The Divine Revelation Concerning the Muslih Mau'ūd

In the announcement of February 20, 1886, the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, says:

God, the Merciful and Noble, the Magnificent and High, Who has power to do all that He wills (glory be to Him and exalted be His name) addressed me in a revelation and said:

[Urdu] I confer upon you a Sign of My mercy according to what you begged of me. So, I have heard your entreaties and have honored your prayers with My acceptance through My mercy and made your journey (i.e., the journey to Hoshiarpur and Ludhiana) a source of blessings for you. Therefore, a Sign of power, mercy, nearness is bestowed on you, a Sign of grace and beneficence is awarded to you and you are granted the key of success and victory. Peace on you, O victorious one. Thus did God speak so that those who desire life may be rescued from the grip of death and those who are buried in the graves may come out of them and so that the superiority of Islam and the dignity of God's Word may become manifest unto the people and so that truth may arrive with all its blessings and falsehood may flee with all its ills, and so that people may understand that I am the Lord of Power, I do whatever I will, and so that they may believe that I am with you, and so that those who do not believe in God and deny and reject His religion and His Book and His Holy Messenger Muhammad, the Chosen One may be confronted with a clear Sign and the way of the guilty ones may become manifest.

Rejoice, therefore, that a handsome and pure boy will be bestowed on you; you will receive an unblemished youth who will be of your seed and will be of your progeny.

A handsome and pure boy is coming as your guest. His name is Emmanuel and also Bashir. He has been invested with a spirit of holiness, and he is free from all impurity. He is the light of Allah. Blessed is he who comes from heaven.

He will be accompanied by grace which shall arrive with him. He will be characterized with grandeur, greatness and wealth. He will come into the world and will heal many of their disorders through his Messianic qualities and through the blessings of the Spirit of Holiness. He is the Word of Allah for Allah's mercy and honor have equipped him with the Word of Majesty. He will be extremely intelligent and perceptive and will be meek of heart and will be filled with secular and spiritual knowledge. He will convert three into four (of this the meaning is not clear). It is Monday a blessed Monday. [Persian] فرزند دلبند گرامی ارجمند [Son, delight of the heart, high ranking, noble.] [Arabic] [A manifestation of the First and the Last, a manifestation of the True and the High; as if Allah has descended from heaven.] [Urdu] His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of manifestation of Divine Majesty. Behold a light comes, anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour Our Spirit into him and he will be sheltered under the shadow of God. He will grow rapidly in stature and will be the means of procuring the release of those held in bondage. His fame will spread to the ends of the earth and peoples will be blessed through him. He will then be raised to his spiritual station in heaven. [Arabic] [This is a matter decreed.]

[Announcement of 20 February 20 1886, Majmu'ah Ishtiharat, Vol. 1, pp. 100–102] Translation by Chaudhri Muhammad Zafrulla Khan from Tadhkirah - the Dreams, Visions and Verbal Revelations of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), pp. 175-9

# The claim of Muslih Mau'ūd in his own words

**"Under the divine command, I swear by God and announce that He has nominated me as**

**the Promised Son according to the Prophecy"**

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) was demanded a special sign of the truth of the religion of Islam by the Hindus of Qadian. Under divine guidance he went to Hoshiarpur (a town, a few miles east of Qadian) for this purpose and prayed to God for forty days. At the end of this period, he was granted the glad tidings of an illustrious son to be born within nine years.

Hazrat Masih Mau'ūd (peace be on him) published this prophecy in his *Ishtihār* (leaflet) on 20 February 1886. The son was born in 1889 and was named Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad. He was to become Muslih al-Mau'ūd. He was elected in 1914 as the second Khalifa of the Jamā'at Ahmadiyya. In 1944, God manifestly revealed to him that he was the Muslih Mau'ūd. At that time, he openly declared that he was the same promised son of the Promised Messiah mentioned in the prophecy. Khalifatul-Masih II made this announcement on 20 February 1944 at Hoshiarpur before a large gathering in the following words:

> "Under the divine command, I swear by God and announce that He has nominated me as the Promised Son according to the prophecy, who is to convey his (Promised Messiah) name to the comers of the earth. I do not say that I am the only Promised one and no other Promised one will come till Doomsday. From the prophecy, it seems that some other Promised ones will also come. Some of them may come even after centuries. Rather God has intimated me that He will send me again to this world in some later age and I shall come again in times of polytheism. This means that my spirit shall be given to some other person who will be possessing faculties like me. He will do the job of reformation of the world by following in my footsteps. Therefore, those who are to come will come according to the divine promises in their own times. What I say is that; the prophecy has been fulfilled in my person that was given to the Promised Messiah in the house in front of me in this city of Hoshiarpur which he announced in this very town and about whom he said that he will be born within nine years. Now there will be no one else to claim truthfully the fulfillment of this prophecy." (Al-Fazl, 19 February 1960)

(Reproduced from the Ahmadiyya Gazette, February 1998, p. 2)

# Khalifatul-Masih II Confirms on Oath Being The Promised Reformer

حضرت خلیفۃ المسیح الثانیؓ نے ۱۳ مارچ ۱۹۴۴ء کو پٹیالہ ہاوس لاہور میں خطاب فرمایا:

میں اسی واحد اور قہار خدا کی قسم کھا کر کہتا ہوں، جس کی جھوٹی قسم کھانا لعنتیوں کا کام ہے اور جس پر افترا کرنے والا اس کے عذاب سے کبھی بچ نہیں سکتا کہ خدا نے مجھے اسی شہر میں ۱۳ ٹمپل روڈ پر شیخ بشیر احمد صاحب ایڈوکیٹ کے مکان میں یہ خبر دی کہ میں ہی مصلح موعود کی پیشگوئی کا مصداق ہوں اور میں ہی وہ مصلح موعود ہوں جس کے ذریعہ اسلام دنیا کے کناروں تک پہنچے گا اور توحید دنیا میں قائم ہو گی۔

(الفضل ۱۵ مارچ ۱۹۴۴ء، صفحہ نمبر ۲)

Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih II addressed on 13 March 1944 at Patiala House, Lahore:

I swear by God who is the One and Mighty, in Whose name taking false oath is the work of the cursed and the fabricator to Him can never escape from His punishment. God has informed me in the home of Shaikh Bashir Ahmad, Advocate, of this very city, at 13 Temple Road, that I fulfill the prophecy of the Promised Reformer and I am the Promised Reformer under whom Islam shall reach the corners of the Earth and the Oneness of God shall be established in the world.

(Translated by the Editor Ahmadiyya Gazette USA. Picture of Khalifatul-Masih II: Al-Hakam, 17 December 2021, p. 17)

# Friday Sermons of Khalīfatul-Masīḥ V
# From January to June 2021

## 1 January 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described the martyrdom of Hadrat Ali, the fourth Caliph in Islam (may Allah be pleased with him).

Khalifatul-Masih V said that today is the beginning of a new year. We should pray that the new year proves to be blessed for our community, and for the entire world.

Huzoor urged the community to continue praying for Ahmadis in Pakistan and Algeria, who are facing hardships since long.

## 8 January 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V announced sixty-fourth year of Waqf-e-Jadid. He mentioned sacrifices of the Ahmadis all around the globe for this scheme.

He asked Community members to continue praying for Ahmadis in Pakistan and Algeria.

## 15 January 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V continued the account of Hazrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him). Huzoor elaborated his love for God Almighty and Qur'an.

He appealed to pray for Ahmadis in Pakistan and Algeria, who are being imprisoned on false charges.

Huzoor launched a new television MTA Ghana after the Friday Prayer and led silent prayer.

## 22 January 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V mentioned the life of Hazrat Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him), third rightly guided caliph and the companion of the Holy Prophet.

Huzoor asked the Jamā'at to continue praying for Ahmadis in Pakistan who are suffering hardships these days.

## 29 January 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V highlighted the life of Hadrat Uthman ibn Affan (may Allah be pleased with him).

Huzoor drew community's attention towards prayers for Ahmadis living in Pakistan as the condition there is worsening day by day.

## 5 February 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V continued highlighting the life of Hadrat Uthman ibn 'Affan (may Allah be pleased with him). Huzoor narrated an incidence happened during the conquest of Makkah.

Huzoor appealed for prayers for all Ahmadis residing in Pakistan. Allah may ease their sufferings and turn these dark days into light.

## 12 February 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V mentioned the life of a great servant of the community, Chaudhri Hameedullah, Wakil-e-A'la Tahrik Jadid who passed away on 7 February 2021. He served the community for a long time.

## 19 February 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described that twentieth February is specially commemorated in the Jamā'at with regards to the prophecy of Muslih Mau'ūd (the Promised Reformer). Huzoor described a part of the prophecy—The Promised Son will be full of secular and spiritual knowledge.

## 26 February 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V continued highlighting the life of Hadrat Uthman ibn Affan (may Allah be pleased with him).

## 5 March 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described some incidents from the life of Hazrat Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) which resulted disorder during his caliphate.

## 12 March 2021

The life of Hazrat Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) was continued by Khalifatul-Masih in his Friday Sermon.

## 19 March 2021

In today's sermon, Khalifatul-Masih V continued to describe the life of Hadrat 'Uthman ibn 'Affan (may Allah be pleased with him). Huzoor talked about a dream of Hadrat 'Uthman about his martyrdom.

## 26 March 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V stated that on 23rd March, the Promised Messiah (peace be on him) formally initiated the Bai'at [pledge of allegiance] and established the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) should always be remembered.

He asked members of the community to pray for Ahmadis in Pakistan and Algeria.

## 2 April 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V said that he would describe incidents from the life of Hadrat 'Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) today as well.

## 9 April 2021

The life of Hadrat 'Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) was continued by Khalifatul-Masih V.

Huzoor launched a new search engine for the Holy Qur'an.

## 16 April 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V recited verses 184 to 187 of Surah Al-Baqarah and elaborated the

philosophy of the acceptance of prayers in the month of Ramadan.

Huzoor said to pray for all those in Pakistan, Algeria and anywhere else in the world where Ahmadis are facing hardships on account of their faith. In Ramadan we should pray not only for ourselves, but for others as well.

## 23 April 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V started to highlight the life of Hadrat Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) ibn al-Khattab, second rightly guided caliph.

Huzoor led the funeral prayer in absentia of Naeema Latif of the USA who was the wife of Sahibzada Mahdi Latif. She passed away on 10 March 2021. Her husband is the grandson of Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed (may Allah be pleased with him). She studied and worked in the field of Botany. She served the community in various capacities, including as National Vice-President of the women's auxiliary organization in the USA.

## 30 April 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V said that by the grace of Allah, we are passing through the blessed month of Ramadan, and in a few days, will be entering the last ten days of this blessed month. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) has said that the last ten days are for attaining salvation from Hell. We must pay special attention towards our prayers to attain the pleasure of God Almighty and be saved from the hellfire.

## 7 May 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described the life of Hadrat Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) ibn al-Khattab in his sermon.

Khalifatul-Masih V said that we must pray for Muslim Ummah, which is leading itself to ruin by not accepting the Imam of this age.

## 14 May 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V said that in recent days, a Muslim cleric was saying on social media that if there is any disorder in the world, it is because of the Qādiāniᵃˢ. He used this as a means to justify cruelties against Ahmadis and even killing them. So, it is our duty to pray.

## 21 May 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described the life of Hadrat 'Umar ibn al-Khattab.

Huzoor appealed to pray for Palestine and Ahmadis around the world.

## 28 May 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V delivered Friday sermon on the establishment of Khilafat and its blessings. He highlighted the significance of the Khilafat Day.

## 4 June 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described the life of Hadrat Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) ibn al-Khattab in his Friday Sermon.

## 11 June 2021

In today's Friday sermon, Khalifatul-Masih V continued to highlight the life of Hadrat 'Umar ibn al-Khattab. He was granted the flag during the battle of Khaibar. He did work on the compilation of the Holy Qur'an.

## 18 June 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V described the life and services of Hadrat Umar ibn al-Khattab for Islam, second rightly guided Caliph in Islam.

## 25 June 2021

Khalifatul-Masih V continued to describe the life and services of Hadrat 'Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him).

(Adapted by Editor Ahmadiyya Gazette from English Summary of Friday Sermons of Khalifatul-Masih from alislam.org)

Full original text of Friday Sermons by the Caliphs of Ahmadiyya Islam is available in print in Al-Fazl International, Al-Fazl Rabwah and Badr. These publications are also available online at alislam.org under periodicals. Translations and summaries of Friday Sermons are available in various languages on alislam.org under Friday Sermons. Weekly Al-Fazl International (Urdu) can be subscribed at amibookstore.us.

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# Khilafat News and Announcements

## Annual Convention Germany 2021 Concludes with Faith Inspiring Address by Khalifatul-Masih V

**On 9 October 2021, Khalifatul-Masih V concluded the 45th Annual Convention of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Germany with an inspirational address.**

Mirza Mansoor Ahmad, Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community presided the concluding session virtually from the Masroor Hall in Islamabad, Tilford, UK where more than 8,000 people attended the 2-day Annual Convention, at the Mai-Markt in Mannheim, Germany. Attendance had been restricted and the Convention was held on a much smaller scale as compared to previous years due to Covid-19 pandemic. However, those who could not participate, both in Germany and elsewhere, were able to listen live the concluding address.

During the address, Khalifatul-Masih V spoke in great detail about the immense importance of adopting "*Taqwa*" (righteousness) and outlined Islamic teachings that are a perquisite for adopting *Taqwa* (righteousness).

Mirza Mansoor Ahmad began his address by mentioning that the purpose of the convention ought not to be forgotten, whereby Ahmadi Muslims gather together for the purpose of spiritual reformation.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad further stated.

> "Every German Ahmadi Muslim who has taken part in the Convention, whether they actually participated or listened to the proceedings from their homes, have acquired spiritual nourishment for the coming year from the Jalsa Salana. Now it is the responsibility of every Ahmadi Muslim to take this spiritual nourishment and make it a permanent feature of their lives. Thus, everyone should try to spend their lives with this in mind. Otherwise, we cannot say that we are trying to achieve the objectives for which we attended the Annual Convention."

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said,

> "Therefore, we, who claim to have pledged allegiance to the Promised Messiah (peace be upon

him), if in truth we wish to discharge our pledge then this root [of righteousness] must be planted within our hearts so that every action of ours bears the sweet fruits of righteousness. Otherwise, our claims are hollow."

Khalifatul-Masih mentioned that those who wish to progress in righteousness must excel in their worship of God and fulfil the rights of their Creator, otherwise there is not much that separates human beings from animals, who also eat, drink and sleep but do not worship Allah the Almighty.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"Thus, we need to honestly assess what we do and how we act in our day-to-day dealings–in our speaking and whilst expressing ourselves, in our exchange of ideas with other people, our interactions in business or how we are in any other forms of interaction. If we are misusing our tongues, then we are straying further away from the teachings of Islam and righteousness. Along with fulfilling the rights of Allah the Almighty we must also ascertain what the rights of each other are and to what extent are we fulfilling them?"

His Holiness explained that the morals and character of a believer should be so lofty that they make him easily identifiable in society.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"The oath of allegiance (Bai'at) is no normal pledge... If we come to fulfil the rights of Bai'at then we will no doubt soon witness a great revolution occurring in the world."

Calling on Ahmadi Muslims to bring about a lasting spiritual reformation within themselves.

(Adapted from alislam.org by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi)

## Virtual Concluding Address at the Annual Convention, Qadian, India and Guinea Bissau

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"Not even the Covid-19 pandemic, which has left the entire world shaken, has managed to rid hearts of bitterness or purged nations of their pride. Lasting peace can only be established when a balanced approach is adopted by the people of influence at every level. Where they listen to the issues and perspective of both sides, then mediate and remove grudges...You should see all of humanity as your children; there should be a passion for serving one another."

More than 2,100 people gathered at the convention site, with a total attendance in excess of 6,000 across Qadian.

## Activities of Khalifatul-Masih V, may Allah be his support

1. Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Singapore had the honor of a Virtual Meeting on 19 December 2021. Huzoor presided the meeting from the MTA International Studio in Islamabad, Tilford. Nineteen Khuddam gathered at Taha Mosque in Singapore.
2. Waqf-e-Nau from Finland had honor of a virtual meeting on 23 December 2021. Khalifatul-Masih V said, "No one has the right to force another person to accept Islam. Whoever's heart is to be inclined towards Islam will then be turned towards Islam by Allah the Almighty Himself."
3. Arab Ahmadi Muslim women living in Canada had honor of virtual meeting on 19 December 2021. Replying to a question on attending protests, Huzoor said, "If there is a guarantee that it is to be a peaceful protest and it will not eventually turn into looting and disorder then you can take part. At the time of the second Caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community there was a protest in support of the Kashmiri Muslims, and he gave permission to partake in that and Ahmadi Muslims did take part. So, if it is to be a peaceful protest and no disorder is caused and the nation's properties are not damaged, and it is done whilst remaining within confines of the law then it is permissible.
4. Arab Ahmadi Muslim men living in Canada met virtual on 17 December 2021.
5. National 'Amila Norway had honor of virtual meeting on 10 December 2021. Huzoor said, "Develop new and interesting methods to ensure the youth remain attached to their faith."
6. A virtual meeting of Majlis Ansarullah USA was held on 9 December 2021. Huzoor gave guidance on a wide array of administrative and religious matters.
7. National 'Amila of Lajna Ima'illa India virtually met Khalifatul-Masih V on 1 December 2021.

(Adapted by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi from alislam.org)

# International News of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## First ever MTA International Conference

Khalifatul-Masih V delivered keynote address to the first ever virtual MTA International Conference on 27 June 2021. He said,

> "MTA is eliminating distances, removing barriers and, above all, ensuring that the Community of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) remains united at the hand of Khilafat and that Ahmadi Muslims across the world follow exactly the same religious teachings and beliefs. Indeed, history bears witness to the fact that the message of the Promised Messiah reached the United States, Europe and the United Kingdom during his life through an array of media coverage."
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> In the end of address, he said, "I also always pray that you remain humble and never allow even a trace of arrogance or pride to enter your hearts. Never think that the success of MTA or the Jamaat is contingent upon your skills or your time or that you are deserving of praise or material reward. Most certainly, if you remain forever sincere and devoted and serve with true humility, you will attain the very best of rewards from Allah the Almighty Himself."

## Launching of New Television MTA Ghana

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, fifth caliph of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community launched new television MTA Ghana on 15 January 2021 after the Friday Prayer and led silent prayer.

(Adapted by Dr. Mahmud Ahmad Nagi from alislam.org)

# Head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Addresses Humanity First International Conference

## Stand ever ready to wipe away the tears of those who are in distress or hurting in any way

Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih V delivered a faith inspiring address on 31 October 2021 to conclude the International Conference of the *Humanity First*. The event was held at the Baitul Futūh Mosque in London on Saturday, and then in Islamabad, Tilford on Sunday was themed as "Poverty alleviation through empowerment." It was attended by more than 1200 people from 60 countries around the world. During the keynote address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad spoke of the objectives of Humanity First, outlining its mission to serve those in need.

Mirza Masroor Ahmad said: "It has now been 26 years since Humanity First was first formally registered and, with the Grace of Allah, ever since its inception, Humanity First has continued to grow and develop and has conducted a lot of impactful work in many parts of the world. It has served in some capacity or other in over sixty countries, including in the Americas, Europe, throughout Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific."

His Holiness mentioned some of the humanitarian initiatives carried out by Humanity First across the planet including providing water, education and sustainable skills projects in underdeveloped countries. Humanity First had progressed and developed so much over the past few years that it had now started to be a globally recognized institution

Mirza Masroor Ahmad said: "By the Grace of Allah, Humanity First is now a very well established and well-respected international charitable organization. Indeed, Humanity First has now reached the stage where external NGOs or similar humanitarian organizations are seeking to partner and collaborate with it to fulfil their own charitable obligations and objectives."

Shining a light on the various teachings of Islam which safeguard the rights of all people in society, His Holiness made particular mention of the rights of neighbors. He said:

> "Islam teaches that one's neighbors have great rights upon them. Muslims have been taught that they must treat their neighbors with grace and compassion and be ever ready to help them in their times of need and grief... Furthermore, the definition of a "neighbor" in Islam is extremely vast and far-reaching. It not only includes people who live nearby, but also includes people who live much further afield, a person's travel companions, work colleagues, subordinates and many others besides."

His Holiness also spoke about the need to look after and support the orphans, the sick and the needy in society.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued: "Always, the primary focus and desire of every member of Humanity First should be to serve

the interests of the weakest members of society, rather than to serve their own self-interest in any way whatsoever. Rest assured that if you serve Allah's Creation selflessly and for His sake alone, then surely He will reward you in this world and the Hereafter."

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad explained that this spirit of selfless service which emanates from the teachings of Islam was embodied in the modern day by the founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him).

Nearing the end of his address, His Holiness told Humanity First to look to the future and to ensure that it continues to progress.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

> "Certainly, I am pleased that the workers and volunteers of Humanity First throughout the world are serving with great zeal and determination and a true spirit of service and devotion. It is my prayer that this spirit never diminishes but only ever increases."

Concluding the address, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad prayed:

> "May you always be ready to help those blameless souls, who are the victims of their circumstances, to overcome their grief, desperation and heartache. May you always stand up for the rights of the weak, deprived and vulnerable. May Allah enable all of you to play your role in serving the cause of humanity and helping those tormented by abject poverty and deprivation to stand upon their own two feet. May Allah the Almighty bless the efforts of Humanity First and may it never take a backward step."

The Conference concluded with a silent prayer led by His Holiness.

Prior to His Holiness address, Chairman Humanity First International, Ahmad Yahya presented a report of the works of Humanity First over the past 26 years. Some of the key milestones of the past 26 years include:

- Under the "Knowledge for Life" program, over 69 schools and 22 training centers are operational. 236,400 children and 67,500 adults have benefited from these institutions.
- Under the "Water for life" program, and in conjunction with IAAAE, 4161 wells, water pumps and solar assisted plants have been established that have served over 4.5 million people.
- Under the Food Security Initiative 3.2 million people have benefitted through direct distribution of food, food pantries and Food banks.
- Under the "Qurbani Project" during Eid-ul-Adha, in the past year alone, sacrificial meat has been distributed in 56 countries to over 550,000 people. The Qurbani project has served 2.6 million beneficiaries over the past 8 years.
- Under the Humanity First Global Health Program, 9 hospitals, clinics, medical camps and Gift of Sight projects continue to run. Almost 568,000 patients have been treated under this program.
- COVID Relief Program under the Disaster Relief Project has helped over a million people in 78 countries and has distributed over 13.5 million meals to the needy.

(Adapted from alislam.org)

# The Promised Reformer Day

**Zāhir Muhammad Mannan, Secretary of Outreach for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community CT**

Millions of Ahmadi Muslims across the globe unite on 20th February to commemorate a miracle of Ahmadiyya Islam.

After spending forty days in Hoshiarpur, India, secluded, fasting, and praying for a sign like earlier prophets, the Promised Messiah, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, published a powerful revelation announcing the prophecy of a "Promised Son" imbibing 52 illustrious traits.

"... Thus does God speak ... so they may believe I am with thee, and those who don't believe and deny His religion, His Book, and His chosen Messenger Muhammad, may be confronted with a clear sign... His name is Emmanuel and Bashir... he's invested with the Holy Spirit... he's the light of Allah... he'll heal disorders through Messianic qualities... he's the Word of Allah.. .as if Allah descended from heaven... he'll release those held in bondage..." (The Green Announcement of 20 February 1886).

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad predicted that the child would be born within a period of nine years. Thereafter he was blessed with the birth of a baby girl named Ismat. She passed away in infancy. After that a son named

Bashir was born and he also died young. Critics mocked, but it was short lived. In 1889, months before the founding of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad, was born. Although unable to attend secondary school, he yet wrote enlightening articles harmonizing science and religion, and dominated deep theological debates with scholars of diverse disciplines as a teenager. He performed Hajj pilgrimage and started newspapers like Al-Fazl in his twenties. On the demise of the first Ahmadiyya caliph, Hazrat Hakim Nuruddin, he was elected to the sacred office of the Messiah's Second Caliph at the young age of 25. Some elders assumed he was too inexperienced for the weighty position and in their arrogance split into the Lahore Movement. God had already decreed to Bashir, "I'll exalt those who follow thee above those who disbelieve until Judgement Day."

Bashir's miraculous work spanning half a century as Caliph was beheld in awe by all. His leadership established 46 foreign missions, initiated several enriching charities restoring economic justice from grassroots, built mosques, hospitals, and schools empowering the underserved in remote villages of Asia and Africa, launched national conventions on the resurrecting life of Prophet Muhammad alongside interreligious leaders, and, for the first time in history, translated the Qur'ān into diverse languages. Caliph Bashir organized and structured various departments in the Community including Women's Auxiliary furnished with their own elected female president. He emphasized, "nations cannot be reformed without the reformation of their youth." It was under his expansive direction amid Black History Month 101 years ago that America met its first Muslim Missionary, Mufti Muhammad Sadiq, who inaugurated America's oldest and largest Islamic Organization, launched its oldest and longest running the Muslim Sunrise, opened its earliest mosques, and started its oldest and largest Islamic annual convention. All achieved with African American pioneering giants who were our earliest Imams, callers to prayers, and chapter presidents leading and living equitably with Asians, Whites, fellow Blacks, and Latinos when segregation based on color was society's norm. Such race relations enshrined by Caliph Bashir predated and influenced the civil rights movement.

Caliph Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad became a pivotal political figure in pre-independence India. He travelled extensively making newspaper headlines and fulfilling a victorious prediction at the gate of Lud, London. In 1931, Caliph Bashir (Khalifat-ul-Masih II) was elected president of the All-India Kashmir Committee defending civil rights, promoting education, and alleviating oppression. He assembled and dispatched the Furqan Force; a battalion for the freedom of Kashmir where also the sacred body of Messiah Jesus dwells in Rozabal, Srinagar.

It wasn't until 1944 that Caliph Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad announced himself as the Promised Son after repeated Divine instructions. My great grandfather Hakeem Marham 'Isa accompanied him throughout. The Promised Son also announced that others like him would emerge in the future. He was instrumental in winning Pakistan's independence and built the town of Rabwah on an arid tract of land transforming it into a lush green garden and new headquarters for the now international Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The Promised Son valiantly steered the Community through the 1953 riots against Ahmadis resulting in over 2,000 martyrdoms and an assassination attempt on his own life by an assailant who wounded but couldn't kill him. He continued to fight back darkness with light penning scores of world renowned works including Life of Muhammad, Muhammad in the Bible, New World Order, Did Jesus Redeem Mankind, and Introduction to the study of the Qur'ān . None, however, was more ground-breaking than the awakening 5-10 volume Extensive Exegesis and Short Commentary of the Holy Qur'ān which he was taught earlier by an angel.

He was called back to Allah and his lofty heavenly station in 1965. Today, his grandson Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad serves as the Fifth elected Caliph reflecting his grandfather's inextinguishable light. Like his counterpart Umar Faruq, Second Caliph of Prophet Muhammad, Caliph Bashir's fruits still nourish and uplift us to Divine Presence.

# Activities and News of US Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

## Annual Report Tahrik Jadid 2020-1

**Salient Features of the final report:**

- Total collections were $ 2.73 m as compared to $ 2.44 m, the prior year.
- Participation reached 15,500, an increase of 500.
- Per Capita contribution increased to $ 176 from $ 166.

**Highlights:**

- Forty-Nine Chapters increased their collections this year.
- Five Chapters, reached within a few hundred from the last year.
- Ten Chapters decreased from last year, one due to the natural disaster and one due to a move of one major donor.

## Annual Report Waqf-e-Jadid 2021

The 64th year of the blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme ended on 31 December 2021. Following are the final numbers.

- Total collection amounts to $ 2,002,895.29, against the budget of $1.8 m.
- Al-Hamdu Lillah, $ 200,000 above the targeted budget.
- Total participation of Jamā'at Members were 13,355.

We embark on the 65th year of the blessed Waqf-e-Jadid Scheme for 2022 with strategist planning, hard work and prayers. We hope to increase the participation of more Jamā'at Members. (Nasirullah Ahmad, WJ-Department. USA.)

## Miami Bookfair 2021

A three-day Miami Book Fair 2021 was held in November. The theme was "Peace through Messiah."

Many visitors came to our booths and showed keen interest in the Holy Qur'an exhibition, books of the Promised Messiah. We distributed more than 100 copies of "World Crisis and Pathway to Peace" both in English and Spanish languages. Visitors also participated in writing their names in Arabic; it was a very popular activity. We also distributed many flyers and met/shared contacts with professors, teachers, pastors, writers, and many others with diverse backgrounds. We started this year's book fair campaign on social media a week prior and heavily used Facebook, twitter and Instagram for pictures and posts.

Our special guests Dr. Hafeez-Ur-Rahman from Albany, Rafi Ahmad President Brooklyn, and Brother Basit from Orlando who came and helped to spread the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. The organizers are thankful to all volunteers Missionary, Atfāl, Khuddam, and Ansar brothers who worked tirelessly to make this book fair a success.

Thanks to bookfair in-charge/Secretary Publications Labeed Choudhry, Secretary Tabligh Farooq Ahmed and the Ziyafat Team.

Pictures link: https://photos.app.goo.gl/vaEV9uzJdJLbbEiv8.

(Report by Tariq Mahmood, Serving as President Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Miami)

## Ten Day Tarbiyat Class at Mahmood Mosque, Detroit, Michigan

Missionary Syed Shamshad Ahmad took ten-day Tarbiyat Class on 21 to 31 December 2021 at Mahmood Mosque, Detroit from 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. The purpose of this class was memorization of Surah Fātiḥa and first eight Ayat of Surah Al-Baqarah with English and Urdu translations, how to perform ablution for prayers, how prayers should be offered, Five Pillars of Islam, Six Articles of Faith, two Qur'anic verses and a hadith with explanation on Death of Jesus Christ, Truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), Khatam-e-Nabuwwat, jurisprudence issues and essential etiquette. A total

of 8 students (Three Khuddam, two Atfāl and three Lajna) and a guest from Canada attended. Most of the students wrote their impressions about the Tarbiyat class.

## My Experience in Class (Frasat Ahmad Bashart)

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) states that: The best among you is the one who learns the Qur'an and teaches it to others. (Bukhari). Our Missionary Shamshad Ahmad Nasir followed this Hadith and took a 2-week Qur'ān Class from December 21, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in Masjid Mahmood Detroit. This class was especially for our two Khuddam who are going to apply for Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada.

Our Class syllabus which Missionary had in mind was to cover Qur'ān with Urdu translation. One hour was dedicated for "Our Believes." Etiquette of talking to others, Mosque Etiquette and coming of the Messiah was taught. In all of these days I wrote daily dairy and two Friday sermon notes. I tried to offer Tahajjud prayer.

## Company of a righteous (Tooba Bashart)

There is a Hadith of the Holy Prophet (saw) that says: "A person may adopt his friend's religion (or way of life); hence he should watch who he befriends." (Abu Dawood) Your friends will not only influence your personality but also your actions. Having a company of righteous ones is a great blessing, which is a need for everyone at this time. Following this Hadith, I joined a Qur'ān class.

During the session on our beliefs, Missionary taught us the difference between what we believe and what other religions believe. During the class, everyone had the opportunity to do a speech, there were different topics including five pillars of Islam: Kalima Tayyiba (Declaration of Faith), Namaz/Salat (Prayer), Zakat, Roza/Saum (Fasting), and Hajj, how to control anger.

My experience was amazing. I was able to learn a lot of things such as how to respect others, manners of talking, the importance of Jum'ah. I would like to attend this kind of class again.

## The Best Winter Break (Rushda Bukhari)

This class was a wonderful experience filled with information and fun. We learned word-by-word translation of the Holy Qur'an, the Promised Messiahs' teachings from his books and manners and etiquette. This helped us understand more about Arabic, the beautiful language of the Holy Qur'an. We talked about manners Islam emphasizes, like respecting our elders, not interrupting others, keeping control of our anger, and refraining from backbiting.

## The Winter Treasure (Saood Ahmed Qureshi, Troy, Michigan)

The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be on him) once said that when the Messiah comes, he will bring lots of treasures, but no one will want them. There was a course on general knowledge where we learned many Ahadith. Missionary made us write speeches on various religious topics such as the five pillars of Islam, and the five auxiliaries in the Ahmadiyya Muslim community.

## Unforgettable Days of the Year (Ayisha Sabahat)

Life is limited and there are a lot of things that we can correct in the limited time. The winter break is the most fun week of the year 2021. Everyone planned to travel somewhere, but we traveled to the Masjid Mahmood, Detroit.

We forget most of the time, Manners and etiquette. These two things are important and that can help you in every stage of life. In the classes, this was my favorite part because we talk about general things like how we should speak and respect others.

This experience will remain with me forever in my life. We were in the company of righteous people. We also got the blessings of God in the mosque. From this class, I learned about the translation of the Holy Qur'ān and got the answers about Jesus. This class teaches a lot of manners and respect for anyone, whether it's older or younger.

## The Break I Wish Never Ended (Sarmad Qureshi)

I talked to Missionary Syed Shamshad Nasir and he arranged to teach a class in which I and the other boy who are planning to apply to Jami'a would take part. We decided to have it this winter break.

By the grace of Allah and with help of Missionary Shamshad, I learned a lot and I would call this class a success and I would love to go to it again if he teaches us the opportunity to do. Some things I learned were how to keep a diary and the Urdu translation of Surah al-Baqarah and Surah Al-Fātiḥa. I also spent a lot of time with members which helped increase the brotherhood in the Jama'at. In our breaks we played badminton and sometimes basketball.

## The best class ever (Salam Qureshi)

In this winter break our

Missionary Syed Shamshad Nasir arranged a class at the Masjid for us to enhance our religious knowledge.

After the class we went on a little trip to a local restaurant named Antonio's where we had food and socialized with each other.

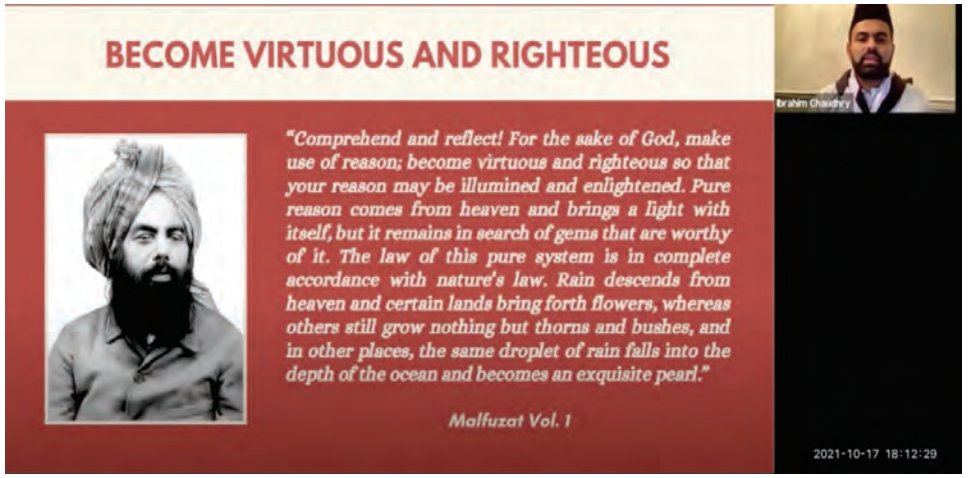
This was a great experience and I got to learn the Urdu translation of the prescribed Qur'anic portions, lots of etiquette to help me become a better person. I also learned the verses required for propagation.

### Canadian view of the class (Nooruddin Tariq)

Restrictions for COVID-19 are far stricter in Canada than in America, so that means I hadn't had any type of special Jama'at activities in person for a very long while. When I arrived in the US, I discovered that my cousins are taking classes from the regional Missionary. I was given permission to join the class.

It was a wonderful experience. Missionary Shamshad told us to do a few things every day. In the beginning it was difficult to comprehend. But I became very comfortable with time. I gained a lot from the class.

## MKA USA General Meeting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"Comprehend and reflect! For the sake of God, make use of reason; become virtuous and righteous so that your reason may be illumined and enlightened. Pure reason comes from heaven and brings a light with itself, but it remains in search of gems that are worthy of it. The law of this pure system is in complete accordance with nature's law. Rain descends from heaven and certain lands bring forth flowers, whereas others still grow nothing but thorns and bushes, and in other places, the same droplet of rain falls into the depth of the ocean and becomes an exquisite pearl."
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MKA USA General Meeting was held on 17 October 2021 via Zoom Webinar, which was presided by Amir, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA. The meeting was attended by about 2000 Khuddam and parents.

**Program:** The National General Meeting began with Tilāwat, Khuddam Pledge and poem recitation. A Majlis Report for the Khuddam year 2020-21 was presented by Sadr Majlis Khuddamul-Ahmadiyya USA, Dr. Madeel Abdullah. The report included statistics from each department and presented the key accomplishments and the areas of improvement. Afterwards, Majlis Awards 2019-2020 were announced. Alm-e-In'ami was presented to the Fort Worth Majlis. The keynote presentation was in remembrance of Syed Taalay Ahmad Shaheed and was titled: "Syed Taalay Shaheed: A True Follower of Khilafat." This presentation was joined by the brother of Syed Taalay (Martyr), Syed Adil Ahmad who narrated memories of his late brother being an exemplary Khadim. The program concluded with a question and answer session with Respected Ameer Jamā'at USA and silent prayer.

**Overcoming worldly desires:** "Taalay and myself were fortunate that our parents connected us to Jamā'at and Khilafat at a very young

age. Our parents would try to involve us in Jamaʿat activities as much as possible."

"My siblings and I would always say that Taalay was the favorite but never in a sinister way but rather a loving way. It was because he always had a friend-like relationship with our mother and could always talk to her about anything he was struggling with. He was always open and honest and never lied."

"He had a very strong connection to Khalifatul-Masih V. He would always write to him and would follow it up with family Mulāqāt."

"He would never take anything at face value-especially his faith. He would always internalize it and question it and do research to understand why that (teaching) is and what's the evidence to support it. This gave him a strong understanding of his religion and the Jamāʿat at a very young age."

**Love of Khalifatul-Masih V-Legacy of Syed Taalay Ahmad Shaheed:** "Huzoor had not left Islamabad during the pandemic but after the news of Talley's death he made the journey to Fazal Mosque to visit the family. Afterwards, Huzoor constantly checked up on us and has encouraged us to write letters to him and has been responding to our letters."

"The Friday Sermon of Huzoor offered such clarity and peace to the family. The sermon was so beautiful and loving and it helped me come to terms with it."

"Huzoor gave us practical advice alongside our prayers. He advised us to involve ourselves in Jamāʿat work for the first 5-6 weeks, in particular. Huzoor informed us that we need to keep ourselves busy and to not wallow in our sadness. Huzoor also advised us on how to take care of one another in the family." (Adil Ahmad)

# MKA USA holds Fazl-e-ʻUmar Qa'ideen Conference 2021

Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya United States held their 2021 National Fazl-e-ʻUmar Qa'ideen Conference (FQC) in Bait-ur-Rahman, Silver Spring, Maryland on 20-21 November 2021. The event commenced at 10 A.M. with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by Khuddam pledge led by Sadr Majlis, Dr. Madeel Abdullah.

Dr. Madeel Abdullah delivered a welcome address in which he highlighted the responsibilities of Qa'ideen. Then Qa'ideen and national Amila introduced themselves. The opening ceremony ended after showing a video of Khalifatul-Masih V to FQC United Kingdom, 2019.

**Session 1:** There were three presentations. "Leading by Example" by Qasid Sadiq, Qa'id Silicon Valley, "How to Review and Update Tajneed" by Syed Saad, Mohtamim Tajneed and "Breaking the Alam-e-Inʿami Code" by Talha Saifi, Mohtamim Ishaʿat. Zuhr and Asr prayers were offered at 1 P.M. followed by delicious lunch prepared by the local Ziyafat team.

**Session 2:** Presentations in this session included a Qa'id's role in Majlis Atfāl-ul-Ahmadiyya, how to submit reports efficiently.

**Session 3:** Maghrib and Isha prayers were offered at 7 P.M., followed by dinner. This was question answer session, presided by Na'ib Amir Dr. Faheem Younus Qureshi. Qa'ideen were presented with the opportunity to ask a wide array of questions. The session ended at 9:10 P.M. Sadr Majlis presented a gift to Dr. Younas on behalf of the Majlis. After this there was a presentation on the importance of Waṣiyyat. Many Qa'ideen filled out forms for Waṣiyyat.

The next morning, Sunday the 21st, started at 9 A.M. with Departmental Q&A and a Qa'ids role in supporting the local Jamāʿat. This was followed by a presentation on the member safety committee report. The highlight of the session was a presentation on how to identify and react to potential threats, led by Sergeant Curt Sloane of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington D.C. Sergeant Sloan used demonstrations and police bodycam footage to effectively convey what to do in situations of potential threats. The session and program were concluded with an address from Na'ib Sadr Intisar Malhi. (Report by Mubeeb Sharif)

# MKA USA holds Conference for Entrepreneurs

On Saturday, December 18th Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya United States held their Ahmadiyya Conference for Entrepreneurs (ACE). The event formally commenced at 12:00 PM EST with the recitation of the Holy Qur'ān by Shereyar Sarwar. The event gave guidance on how to think about starting a business, the respective entrepreneurial journeys of the speakers, the importance of Khilafat and the Jamaat in each individual's startup journey, and a live pitch event where viewers were able to hear one of our younger entrepreneurs pitching seasoned venture capitalists.

Na'ib Sadr, Ousman Mbowe, spoke about the Department of Sanat-o-Tijarat and its origin under Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd. He spoke about how income inequality is an increasing threat and how Ahmadi Muslims are held to a higher standard.

Muhtamim San'at-o-Tijarat, Imran Ahmad, encouraged everyone to think beyond "lifestyle" businesses and to think of how to truly scale and make an incredibly large business with an outsized impact. He encouraged everyone to follow the words of Hazrat Muslih Mau'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) and to become the best at what they do and live up to your full potential. He concluded by speaking about the increasing number of new start-ups and the funding/investing environment. This included macroeconomic trends impacting the world of start-ups and various industry trends that are leading to more innovation including artificial intelligence, NFTs, digital health, etc.

During Adeel Malik's speech regarding making the leap to starting a tech company, he touched upon personal anecdotes on why/how he left a stable job in consulting to start a technology company. He spent some time talking about how he was able to utilize the resources in the jamaat and the department of Sanat-o-Tijarat to help grow and fundraise for his company.

Mujeeb Ijaz gave a faith-inspiring talk about how he followed the guidance of Huzoor to launch his business O.N.E (Our Next Energy). It was especially valuable to hear how his faith in Allah and the guidance of Khilafat helped inspire every decision he has made with his business. The audience got to hear how he committed 10% of the profits of the company to Nizam-e-Waṣiyyat and how his business has grown to be worth more than $600 million in a short period of time, Al-Hamdu Lillah!

Hamad Saeed discussed how to scale a business and the ingredients of a business built to scale beyond a lifestyle business. He reflected on the ACE conference from 2001 that helped inspire him, and then he spent some time talking about what it takes to grow a business: Team, Capital, Product Market Fit, Constant Innovation, and most importantly, Prayers.

The final talk was by Ayaz ul Haque, a venture capitalist, who spoke about what he looks for in startup pitches. Subsequently, we had Tahir Warriach and Mirza Tahir Ahmad pitch their new startup, JobAnyDay, live in front of the entire audience while hearing the various questions that Ayaz asked the aspiring entrepreneurs.

The event concluded with prayers and concluding remarks by Mohtamim Imran Ahmad. By the grace of Allah, the event had over 400 registrants and was attended by 540 total viewers online.

## Malik Farooq Khokhar passes away in Multan, Pakistan

Malik Farooq Ahmad passed away few days back in Multan, Pakistan. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi Raji'oon. He was the grandson of Mir Muhammad Ishaq (may Allah be pleased with him) and father-in-law of Mirza Harris Ahmed, Khurram Fawad Ahmed, and Mirza Fateh Uddin Ahmad of Oshkosh Chapter and Ahmad Shahzad of Chicago Chapter. He was married to the daughter of Mirza Aziz Ahmad (may Allah be pleased with him), grandson of the Promised Messiah (peace be on him). He was brother-in-law of the late Sahibzada Mirza Khursheed Ahmad and late Sahibzada Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

He was an extremely dedicated and humble servant of Ahmadiyya Khilafat. He served the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in various capacities, including as Amir Jamā'at of Multan. He also had the privilege to be part of the team which worked for the migration of Khalifatul-Masih IV (may Allah shower His mercy on him) to London.

He was a Musi and was buried in the Bahishtī Maqbarah, Rabwah. He leaves behind his wife, a son, five daughters and several grandchildren. May Allah elevate his status in Jannah and grant patience to all the family members. (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA)

## Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah of Dallas passes away

Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah of Dallas Jamā'at passed away early in the morning of Monday January 17, 2022. Inna Lillāhi wa Innā ilaihī Rajioon.

Syed Waqar Ahmad Shah was father of our young Murabbi Syed Adil Ahmad who is serving in New Orleans Jamā'at and also working with National 'Umur-i-'Amma department.

All Jamā'at members are requested to remember the departed soul in prayers. May Allah grant him high status in paradise and give patience to family members. Amen (Mukhtar Ahmad Malhi, General Secretary USA Jamā'at.

# Notes on chapters and verses of the Holy Qur'ān by Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih IV[rh]

**— Surah Al-Fatihah and Surah Al-Baqarah —**

**English Translation by Missionary Shahid Ahmad of Ghana**

## 1. Al-Fātiḥa, Introduction:

This Surah was revealed in the early Meccan period. According to some authentic reports it was revealed a second time at Medina. Including *Bismillah*, it consists of seven verses.

The Surah contains the essence of the entire topics dealt with in the Holy Qur'ān. For this very reason, this Surah is also termed as ام الكتاب (*Umm-ul-Kitab*) in Ahadith. Besides, it has many other names such as فاتحةالكتاب (*Fatihat-ul-Kitab*), الصلاة (*As-Salāt*), الحمد (*Al-Hamd*), ام القرآن (*Umm-ul-Qur'an*), السبع المثانى (*As-Sab'ul-Mathāni*), الشفاء (*Ash-Shifā*), and الكنز (*Al-Kanz*) etc.

Allah the Almighty taught the Promised Messiah[as] specifically the commentary of this Surah. Therefore, he authored the commentary of especially this Surah in Arabic.

## 2. Al-Baqarah, Introduction:

This Surah was revealed in the first and second year of the Medinite period. Including Bismillah, it consists of two hundred and eighty-seven verses. Fundamental beliefs such as Allah the Almighty, Divine revelation and belief in the Hereafter have been discussed in the very beginning of the Surah.

In Surah Al-Fātiḥa three categories of people, i.e., "Favored ones," مغضوب عليهم(Maghdhub 'Alaihim) "who incurred His displeasure," and ضالين(Ḍāllin) "astray," were discussed. After discussing the "Favored ones" in Surah Al-Baqarah, the evil creeds, evil practices and wickedness and crookedness of the people, who incurred His displeasure, has been given in detail.

This Surah is a wonderful miracle. From the beginning of creation until the time of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa], this Surah gave accounts of various Prophets. And has also identified the challenges Islam was going to face until the Last Day. Having discussed Hazrat Adam[as], the Prophets of various major religions have also been mentioned, including Hazrat Abraham[as], Hazrat Moses[as], Hazrat Jesus Christ[as] and the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. While reading this Surah one feels as if the complete Law has been revealed; and no facet of the Islamic Law seems to be left out. Though in succeeding Surahs some other aspects are also found, but in its own right this Surah encompasses every subject. It is reported in Hadith that the Holy Prophet[sa] said, everything has its pinnacle, and Qur'ān's pinnacle is Surah Al-Baqarah. There is a verse in this Surah which is the king of all the verses in the Qur'ān, and that is Āyāt-ul-Kursi. Thus, it is the miraculous power of the Holy Prophet[sa] that he was bestowed upon such a Surah. It also includes matters relating to the Prayer, Fasting, Zakat and Hajj. The supplications of Hazrat Abraham[as] and Hazrat Ishmael[as] are specifically mentioned which they made at the time of the reconstruction of the House of Allah.

This Surah also includes the covenant which Allah had given to the Children of Israel, which they, out of their ill fortune, broke; and it is this covenant which proved to be a prelude to the advent of Hazrat Jesus Christ[as].

Towards the end of this Surah there is such a verse which indicates that it encompasses the essence of all kinds of prayers; and as if a never-ending treasure of prayers has been bestowed upon.

## Notes:

### Verse 24:

وَإِنْ كُنتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَى عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِنْ مِثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

At some places in the Holy Qur'ān the disbelievers have been challenged to produce only one Surah like it; at some other places (a challenge of) ten Surahs; yet at some other places of the entire Qur'ān. Where it gives the challenge of one Surah it may also be referring to Surah Al-Baqarah. It seems that this Surah is a compendium of all the subject-matters of the Qur'ān. Where it gives a challenge of ten Surahs it refers to any ten Surahs taken from anywhere in the Qur'ān; whether it be shorter Surahs at the end or longer ones, man would not be able to produce their like. And there is no question of producing the identical of the whole of the Holy Qur'ān.

### Verse 27:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لاَ يَسْتَحْيِي أَنْ يَضْرِبَ مَثَلاً مَا بَعُوضَةً فَمَا فَوْقَهَا فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَيَقُولُونَ مَاذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلاً يُضِلُّ بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَيَهْدِي بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَمَا يُضِلُّ بِهِ إِلاَّ الْفَاسِقِينَ

The words فَمَا فَوْقَهَا refer to something that a mosquito carries, on it, and they are malarial germs. The highest number of human deaths in the world is caused by malaria or malarial diseases. "Allah disdains not" means that there is no point of disdain on this occasion because it is such an excellent example.

## Verse 32:

وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلاَئِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ هَؤُلاَءِ إِنْ كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

Here أَسْمَاءَ may stand for numerous things: 1. Essence of things (*Sirr-ul-Khilāfah*), 2. Names in Arabic language (*Minan-ur-Rahman*), 3. Those of the attributes that are not found in angels, 4. Names of the Prophets that were to descend from Adam. The angels were unaware of them. They were flabbergasted when Adam took their names. The subject of يَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ (i.e., bloodshed) is fulfilled in the case of Prophets as well, but in a different way. The angels had the idea of bloodshed in case of the advent of a vicegerent of Allah on earth, but they did not know that it would not be a fault of Prophets, rather a fault of the opponents of the Prophets.

## Verse 36:

وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلاَ مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلاَ تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنْ الظَّالِمِينَ

Here الشَّجَرَةَ(*Shajarah*) stands for those injunctions of the Shariah Law that relate to Don'ts. The world will cease to exist as a peaceful place for mankind anymore in case such commandments are breached. At this place two individuals have been addressed, but it does not mean that only Adam and Eve lived in the heaven. Because the phrase اهْبِطُوا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا (Go forth hence, all of you) in the succeeding verses makes it clear that other human beings also lived there.

## Verse 55:

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ إِنَّكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمْ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَى بَارِئِكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ عِنْدَ بَارِئِكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

The phrase فَاقْتُلُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ does not mean to start killing each other, as is considered by scholars generally. Rather, it signifies to repent for your sins and subdue your own selves.

## Verse 63:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّابِئِينَ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلاَ خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلاَ هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

This verse and other similar verses are a remarkable example of the justice of the Holy Qur'ān. There is no doubt that salvation will be granted primarily to those who truly believe in the Holy Prophet[sa]. There might be many individuals who may not have been conveyed the message of Islam in the right way. Rather there are billions of individuals who have not received the message of Islam. Therefore, the Holy Qur'ān declares that if such people believe in Allah the Almighty and believe that they will be resurrected after death and be accountable, and follow the Divine law given to them and which they are familiar with, they will be rewarded for the good deeds done for the sake of God, and no fear and grief shall come upon them.

## Verse 64:

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ وَرَفَعْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ الطُّورَ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةٍ وَاذْكُرُوا مَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

By the words وَرَفَعْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ الطُّورَ in the verse some commentators believe that the mount Tur was raised above the ground. Whereas it only means that they were in the shade of mount Tūr at that time. In some cases, a mountain is edged out a little, and the passersby feel that it is leaning on them. Sometimes an entire army can be accommodated in its shade.

## Verse 66:

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ الَّذِينَ اعْتَدَوْا مِنْكُمْ فِي السَّبْتِ فَقُلْنَا لَهُمْ كُونُوا قِرَدَةً خَاسِئِينَ

Here قِرَدَةً خَاسِئِينَ does not stand for real monkeys; rather it stands for the misguided scholars, who have been commanded to revert to their earlier state. Evolutionary theory of Darwin states that monkeys existed before human beings. Thus, this is also a proof of the veracity of the Holy Qur'ān that the human state prior to humans has been showed through monkeys. Surely it stands for the misguided scholars. Therefore, the Holy Prophet[sa] also prophesied that

فزعة فيصيرالناس الى علمائهم فاذا هم قردة و خنازير فى امتى تكون

i.e., my ummah will face anxiety and restlessness, at which people will go to their religious scholars and will find them to be monkeys and swine. (*Kanzul-'Ummal*, vol. 16, p. 80, Hadith No. 387227, publisher, Mu'sat-ur-Risalah, Beirut 1985).

## Verse 74:

فَقُلْنَا اضْرِبُوهُ بِبَعْضِهَا كَذَلِكَ يُحْيِ اللَّهُ الْمَوْتَى وَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ

Some scholars have deduced wrong meanings altogether from this verse as well. That is, if somebody has been killed, then strike the pieces of meat of a sacrificed cow on his body and thus you will come to know the killer. (*Tafsīr Fatḥ-ul-Bayān*). Whereas very clearly the Holy Qur'ān states here that review the similar circumstances of the killed one which may lead you to the killer; because the method of killing of a killer usually remains the same. This method is very reliable in the present-day mysterious world.

## Verse 103:

وَاتَّبَعُوا مَا تَتْلُو الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَى مُلْكِ سُلَيْمَانَ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا يُعَلِّمُونَ النَّاسَ السِّحْرَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ عَلَى الْمَلَكَيْنِ بِبَابِلَ هَارُوتَ وَمَارُوتَ وَمَا يُعَلِّمَانِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولاَ إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ فِتْنَةٌ فَلاَ تَكْفُرْ فَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ وَمَا هُمْ بِضَارِّينَ بِهِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلاَّ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلاَ يَنفَعُهُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُوا لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي الآخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلاَقٍ وَلَبِئْسَ مَا شَرَوْا بِهِ أَنفُسَهُمْ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

Harut and Marut were two angel-like men in fact. In order to bring a revolution, they would teach such things which required to be kept in secrecy; so much so that even a wife should also not be disclosed to. They did it by the Divine command. But following their example such a method was adopted to dismantle well set governments. The Holy Qur'ān exonerates Harūt and Marūt from such blame because they complied with it by the Divine command, whereas other people do it for their ego.

## Verse 105:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لاَ تَقُولُوا رَاعِنَا وَقُولُوا انظُرْنَا وَاسْمَعُوا وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

The reason for not calling رَاعِنَا in the present verse is that instead of calling رَاعِنَا they would call رَاعِينَا which means "O our shepherd." Apparently, there was a possibility that they called 'have regard for us." Thus, the Holy Qur'ān directed to speak the truth and say انظُرْنَا.

## Verse 107:

مَا نَنسَخْ مِنْ آيَةٍ أَوْ نُنسِهَا نَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ مِنْهَا أَوْ مِثْلِهَا أَلَمْ تَعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

The commentators of the Holy Qur'ān misunderstand the current verse when they translate it that any verse revealed in the Holy Qur'ān can also be abrogated, and Allah can bring one better than that. As a result of it a never-ending dispute of abrogation and abrogated ensued. The commentators declared as many as five hundred verses abrogating and five hundred as abrogated ones. Whereas the truth is that not even a single vowel point of the Qur'ān is abrogated. Prior to the Promised Messiah[as] until the time of Hazrat Shah Waliullah Muḥaddath of Delhi all of the abrogating and abrogated verses had been solved except five. And due to the blessings of the literary work of the Promised Messiah[as] these too were solved. The Ahmadiyya Community believes that not a single vowel point of the Holy Qur'ān is abrogated. At this point the word آيَةٍ signifies the previous Shariah laws. Whenever they were abrogated or forgotten, the like thereof or better ones were revealed.

## Verse 125:

وَإِذْ ابْتَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ قَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا قَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي قَالَ لاَ يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ

The current verse mentions the trial of Hazrat Abraham[as] of the time when he had become a Prophet. And when he fulfilled the trial, he was said to be made a leader of a large number of people. Deducing an incorrect meaning from this verse the Shiite Muslims claim that the status of an Imam is higher than that of a Prophet, because a Prophet is being told that he would be made an Imam. This is no more than a delusion in order to show a higher status of the Shiite Imams. The truth of the matter is that mere Imamate is not higher than Prophethood. Rather, that Imamate is greater which is granted after Prophethood. Here Hazrat Abraham[as] has been called لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا which signifies that due to fulfilling the trials he would be cited as an example for the coming generations until the Day of Resurrection.

## Verse 185:

أَيَّامًا مَعْدُودَاتٍ فَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْكُمْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ يُطِيقُونَهُ فِدْيَةٌ طَعَامُ مِسْكِينٍ فَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَهُ وَأَنْ تَصُومُوا خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

In the current verse the word يُطِيقُونَهُ signifies two things: those who are able, and those who are unable, because the word implies both the meanings of denial and acceptance. It means that those who fail to fast due to temporary inability or ailment otherwise they are able to fast, they ought to give expiation. Nevertheless, they will have to fast for the missing ones later. Secondly, for those who are completely unable to fast, for them only giving of expiation is enough, and they are exempted from fasting later.

## Verse 188:

أُحِلَّ لَكُمْ لَيْلَةَ الصِّيَامِ الرَّفَثُ إِلَى نِسَائِكُمْ هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ أَنَّكُمْ كُنتُمْ تَخْتَانُونَ أَنفُسَكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَعَفَا عَنْكُمْ فَالآنَ بَاشِرُوهُنَّ وَابْتَغُوا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا حَتَّى يَتَبَيَّنَ لَكُمُ الْخَيْطُ الأَبْيَضُ مِنَ الْخَيْطِ الأَسْوَدِ مِنَ الْفَجْرِ ثُمَّ أَتِمُّوا الصِّيَامَ إِلَى اللَّيْلِ وَلاَ تُبَاشِرُوهُنَّ وَأَنْتُمْ عَاكِفُونَ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ فَلاَ تَقْرَبُوهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ آيَاتِهِ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ

The expression كُنتُمْ تَخْتَانُونَ أَنفُسَكُمْ signifies that the Companions would generally avoid conjugal relations in the nights of Ramazan. They have been allowed such relations in this verse. Conjugal relations have been disallowed in this verse only in the time of *I'tikaf* (retreat).

Furthermore, white and black thread has been mentioned here. It does not mean to take the white and black thread in the dark and distinguish between them. Rather, it signifies that at the time of early morning when you start seeing the first ray of its light that is the time to bring an end to *Sehri*.

## Verse 194:

وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لاَ تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ فَإِنْ انتَهَوْا فَلاَ عُدْوَانَ إِلاَّ عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ

The command to fight in the words وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ is with those who coerce people for apostasy. Thus, defensive fight is permissible against those who coerce people for apostasy at the point of sword as long as they desist.

## Verse 195:

الشَّهْرُ الْحَرَامُ بِالشَّهْرِ الْحَرَامِ وَالْحُرُمَاتُ قِصَاصٌ فَمَنْ اعْتَدَى عَلَيْكُمْ فَاعْتَدُوا عَلَيْهِ بِمِثْلِ مَا اعْتَدَى عَلَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ

Those months wherein fighting, or war has been declared unlawful may become permissible when an opponent or a non-believer desecrates them. The Muslims must not remain complacent without defending themselves.

## Verse 214:

كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّينَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ وَأَنزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِيمَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ إِلاَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ فَهَدَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ مِنْ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

All the people become alike before the advent of a Prophet. Though apparently, they may have believed in Prophets earlier, but they are no different in wickedness, impiety and evil deeds. Thus, this is an established order that followers of all religions, whether ostensibly they be believers or non-believers, are at the similar condition before the advent of a Prophet. Once the book and dos and don'ts are fully explained by the Prophet their opposition to the Prophet divides people into two parts: those who believe in the Prophet, and those who disbelieve in him.

## Verse 220:

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنْ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ قُلْ فِيهِمَا إِثْمٌ كَبِيرٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ وَإِثْمُهُمَا أَكْبَرُ مِنْ نَفْعِهِمَا وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنفِقُونَ قُلْ الْعَفْوَ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمُ الآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَكَّرُونَ

A fixed rule about things being lawful and unlawful has been stated in the current verse, i.e., the things whose advantages are greater than their disadvantages are lawful; and the things that possess good, but their harm outweighs their good are unlawful. To drink alcohol is harmful; therefore, drinking its small amount is also unlawful. But alcohol is highly beneficial as a medicine. Besides that, if fragrance is added to the dilution of alcohol, it does not at all intoxicate whatever amount of it is sprayed on clothes.

## Verse 224:

نِسَاؤُكُمْ حَرْثٌ لَكُمْ فَأْتُوا حَرْثَكُمْ أَنَّى شِئْتُمْ وَقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّكُم مُلاَقُوهُ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

From the present verse some wicked people, God forbid, have deduced the permissibility of unnatural conjugal relations with wives. This is very, very unfair. Tilth signifies that women are a source of reproduction, and reproduction can never take place as a result of unnatural conjugal relations.

## Verse 239:

حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلاَةِ الْوُسْطَى وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ

The words الصَّلاَةِ الْوُسْطَى have generally been taken to mean the Asr prayer. Whereas every prayer that has to be offered right in the middle of engagements is الصَّلاَةِ الْوُسْطَى. The busier the schedule the greater becomes the importance of that prayer.

## Verse 244:

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَهُمْ أُلُوفٌ حَذَرَ الْمَوْتِ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ اللَّهُ مُوتُوا ثُمَّ أَحْيَاهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لاَ يَشْكُرُونَ

In this verse also the word مُوتُوا does not stand for physical death because suicide is unlawful. Furthermore, the Holy Qur'ān has made it very clear repeatedly that those who depart the world once never return to it again. مُوتُوا here signifies to bring an end to one's carnal desires. As the saints say, موتوا قبل ان تموتوا i.e., die before the death approaches you.

## Verse 252:

فَهَزَمُوهُمْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَقَتَلَ دَاوُدُ جَالُوتَ وَآتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَعَلَّمَهُ مِمَّا يَشَاءُ وَلَوْلاَ دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَفَسَدَتْ الأَرْضُ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ ذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ

A careful reading of the verses 248-252 makes it clear that Talut stands for Hazrat David[as], whose enemy was Jalut. If you read the verses in sequence then Qur'ān says, قَتَلَ دَاوُدُ جَالُوتَ (i.e., David slew Jalūt). Thus, the Jalut mentioned here was that enemy of Hazrat David[as] who was routed by him. A probable reason for not addressing him with the name of David is that probably Prophethood and *Hikmat* (wisdom) were bestowed upon him after this triumph. As it was said next وَآتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ (and Allah gave him sovereignty and wisdom), *Hikmat* also stands for non-law bearing Prophethood.

## Verse 257:

لاَ إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنْ الغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَى لاَ انفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

In the current verse of the Holy Qur'ān converting somebody's faith by coercion has been forbidden absolutely. لاَ إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ (i.e., there is no compulsion in religion) signifies that not the slightest coercion is allowed in matters of faith. The similitude of a person to whom the truth becomes clear is as if he has grasped a strong handle. That hand may be severed but cannot be separated from the handle.

## Verse 259:

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي رَبِّهِ أَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ إِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّيَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ قَالَ أَنَا أُحْيِي وَأُمِيتُ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْتِي بِالشَّمْسِ مِنْ الْمَشْرِقِ فَأْتِ بِهَا مِنْ الْمَغْرِبِ فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ وَاللَّهُ لاَ يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

The grandeur of the argument of Hazrat Abraham[as] is that his opponent believed in the sun to be a deity. He demanded him to subdue the sun, saying, my Lord brings the sun from the east, you bring it from the west. Thereupon, he was confounded, because he could not have claimed against his faith.

## Verse 260:

أَوْ كَالَّذِي مَرَّ عَلَى قَرْيَةٍ وَهِيَ خَاوِيَةٌ عَلَى عُرُوشِهَا قَالَ أَنَّى يُحْيِي هَذِهِ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا فَأَمَاتَهُ اللَّهُ مِائَةَ عَامٍ ثُمَّ بَعَثَهُ قَالَ كَمْ لَبِثْتَ قَالَ لَبِثْتُ يَوْمًا أَوْ بَعْضَ يَوْمٍ قَالَ بَلْ لَبِثْتَ مِائَةَ عَامٍ فَانظُرْ إِلَى طَعَامِكَ وَشَرَابِكَ لَمْ يَتَسَنَّهْ وَانظُرْ إِلَى حِمَارِكَ وَلِنَجْعَلَكَ آيَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَانظُرْ إِلَى الْعِظَامِ كَيْفَ نُنشِزُهَا ثُمَّ نَكْسُوهَا لَحْمًا فَلَمَّا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ قَالَ أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Apparently, the verse seems to signify, and this is what the commentators have deduced from it, that Allah the Almighty caused a person to die for a hundred years and when he was revived after a hundred years his food and ass etc. were present there intact. This is an absurd deduction which is a disrespect of the Holy Qur'ān. This noble verse signifies only this much that in one night's sleep he was shown the incidents that were to take place in the next hundred years. But when he woke up Allah the Almighty said to him, see! Your ass is in the same condition, so is your food as fresh as it was last night.

**Verse 261:**

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ تُحْيِ الْمَوْتَى قَالَ أَوَلَمْ تُؤْمِنْ قَالَ بَلَى وَلَكِنْ لِيَطْمَئِنَّ قَلْبِي قَالَ فَخُذْ أَرْبَعَةً مِنَ الطَّيْرِ فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ ثُمَّ اجْعَلْ عَلَى كُلِّ جَبَلٍ مِنْهُنَّ جُزْءًا ثُمَّ ادْعُهُنَّ يَأْتِينَكَ سَعْيًا وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

With regard to this verse also the commentators have made a grave mistake who believe that Hazrat Abraham[as] was commanded to rear four birds and then crush them to pieces and place a small portion of the minced meat in (four directions) north, south, east and west. Then call them out and they will come back to him. The Arabic lexicon never allows such a translation. The idiom of فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ signifies املهن ، من الصور اى الميل i.e., the verb صر is derived fromصور which means to attach. Thus, فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ means to make them attached and familiarized to you. و قال بعضهم: صر هن اى صح بهن i.e., some say فَصُرْهُنَّ إِلَيْكَ means to call them to yourself. (*Mufridat Imam Raghib*)

Similarly, the souls that desire to be attached to Allah the Almighty when Allah calls them out, involuntarily they return to their God.

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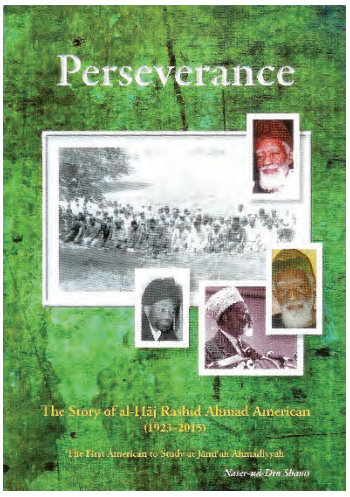


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# An Interview of Inam Virk

## An Integral part of the US Ahmadiyya Cricket Team

**Naveed Malik**

Naveed Malik: Today with us is Inam Virk who is an integral part of the US Cricket Team. We will talk about Highs and Lows of the US Cricket, how he started and what can be done to improve the current standing of US cricket in various tournaments around the world.

Naveed Malik: We Welcome you Inam Virk, tell us about start of your cricketing career?

Inam Virk: My cricket career started in my lovely birth City of Rabwah and I remember it was just before the 1987 cricket world cup in Pakistan, when I started my hardball cricket there. I played most of my cricket with the "Youngster cricket club" but also represented Fazal-e-'Umar cricket club that is the oldest cricket club in Rabwah. I also had the privilege to play and practice with some of the test players like Ashraf Ali (wicketkeeper) and Amir Malik (an opening batsman). I played a lot of my cricket with Qaiser Mehmood (a first-class player) who also captained the UK main team in the Masroor International cricket tournament. I moved to the US in 1992 and have been playing the Washington Cricket League (WCL) from different clubs and also representing US National Team under Majlis e Sihhat in MCT(UK) and others around the world.

Naveed Malik: Where do you see deficiency in the US Cricket today, why are we unable to convert great starts into a Tournament victory?

Inam Virk: Cricket Strategy and Tactics (understanding conditions and situations) are the key to success on the cricket field. When two teams with equal skills and fitness levels engage, the side with superior cricket strategy prevail. Winning cricket begins off the field. It is too late when you are in the middle of the game particularly one day or T20 cricket to be able to catch up when the opposition have taken the initiative and are running away with the match.

Naveed Malik: So, you are saying that reading the opponents strengths and weaknesses and planning accordingly is the key?

Inam Virk: In building a strategy to victory on the cricket field. You are going to make primary assessments of your opponents. It is very important to do homework on whom you are playing and where the match is taking place. You do assessments of your opponents, strategy and weaknesses and go about decoding them.

Naveed Malik: How important is to know and be able to gauge the key opponent players?

Inam Virk: Understanding the key players in the opposition is extremely important. Understanding how they construct their game. Gathering this information is the key in cricket strategy. Build individual game plan for different opponents. You need to gather the info on opponents. You analyze how opponents go about rolling out their game plan. If you don't do groundwork, then you have nothing to build your strategy from. You need the numbers on your opponent's games. Who are their key players, how can you go neutralizing them?

Naveed Malik: What is the role of the captain in cricket?

Inam Virk: The captain of a cricket team is largely responsible. It is imperative that you have a good grasp of the intricacies of the sport. Mental strength is perhaps the most important attribute that a cricket captain should possess. After all no amount of talent will lead you to victory if you already are defeated in your own mind. Know your teammates unique strength and skills; watch your fellow players closely and make a note of where they play their best game. It is essential for establishing the batting order, bowling order, field positions etc. For example, if your best bowler has a tendency to choke under pressure, changing him can make a difference.

Naveed Malik: What are some of the common mistakes that a captain can make, when he is under pressure?

Inam Virk: One common mistake that a skipper makes is in thinking that he has to manage everything himself. It's much wiser to treat each aspect of the game as collaborative effort.

Naveed Malik: How important is it to believe in your decisions as a captain?

Inam Virk: Be prepared to stand by and live with your decisions. As team captain, much of the responsibility for the success or failures of the team rests on your shoulders. This mean you must be willing to accept the outcome of the direction you provide for better or for worse. You will have good games and bad games.

Naveed Malik: What to do when things don't go your way?

Inam Virk: Resist the urge to blame your teammates where things don't work out that you had hoped. Use the pre-game toss to gain an early advantage for your team.

Naveed Malik: What does situational awareness mean?

Inam Virk: If it is extremely important to consider the condition of the pitch when making your decision. It is also critical to be aware of the win percentage of teams batting first or second at that particular ground.

Naveed Malik: How important is it to consult your teammates?

Inam Virk: You should always be open to consult teammates. Spare time for fellow players and encourage them to come to you for questions, concerns, critiques and suggestions.

Naveed Malik: Is there any room for having fun while being competitive?

Inam Virk: There is no point in playing if no one is having fun. Think of having a fun as a strategy.

Naveed Malik: Jazakallah Inam for joining us. I am sure the current and upcoming cricket players will get a tip or two from this conversation.


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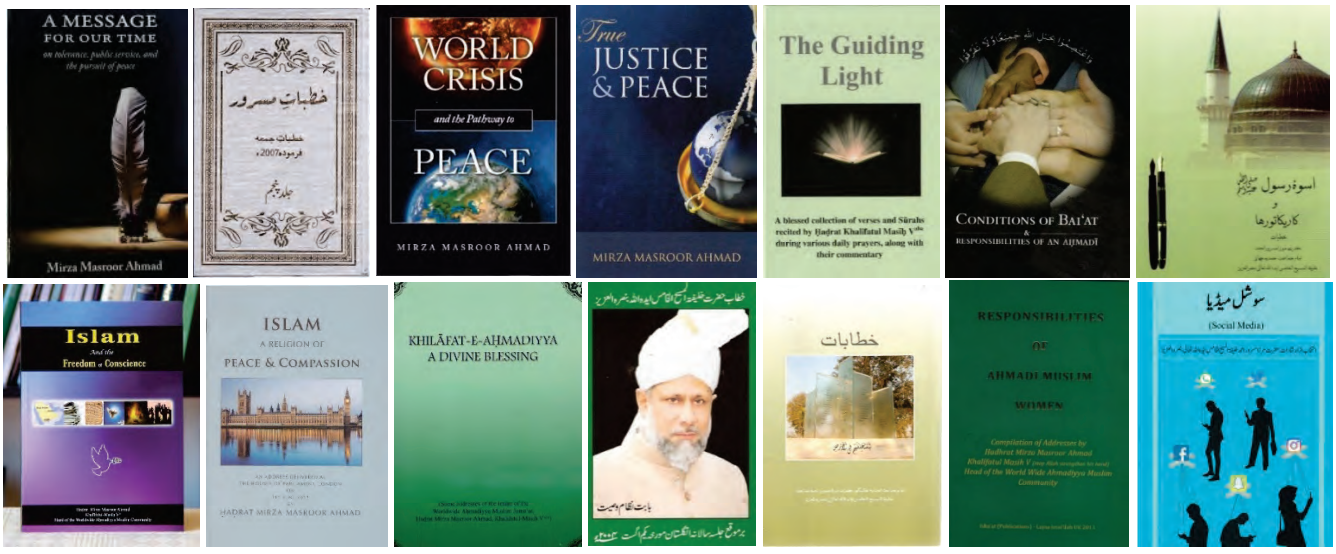
**may Allah be his helper**

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## Resolution

Resolution passed unanimously by Majlis Aamla Jama'at Ahmadiyya Willingboro, USA in a meeting held on January 7, 2022.

On Wednesday, December 8, 2021, the members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Willingboro, USA Jamaat, learned with great pain and sorrow the demise of Respected Qaneta Zafar Sahiba, wife of our Former Ameer Respected Dr. Ahsan Ullah Zafar Sahib, She passed away in a tragic road traffic accident at the age of 80, *Inna lillahe wa Inna Ilahi Raje'oon*.

Qaneta Zafar Sahiba was born in Gujrat, India (now Pakistan) on November 29, 1941. Her father, Chaudri Azam Ali Sahib, was a senior judge who accepted Ahmadiyyat at the hands of Hadhrat Khalifatul Massih II[ra] and her mother, Sakina Begum Sahiba, passed away when Qaneta Zafar Sahiba was approximately 4 years old. Qaneta Zafar Sahiba earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from Punjab University. She married Dr. Ahsan Ullah Zafar Sahib 55 years ago on December 10, 1966.

Qaneta Zafar Sahiba was one of the founding members of the Willingboro Jama'at. Her contributions to the Jama'at were immense and exemplary. She dedicated her life to the service of the Jama'at – worked in different capacities, including as Sadr of *Lajna Imaillah* Willingboro Majlis for many years. She was pivotal in raising a significant amount of funds for the construction of the Al-Nasr Mosque, Willingboro. She worked tirelessly for the welfare of the Jama'at and its members.

She was a Moosia and had a great love for learning and teaching of the Holy Quran. She attended all the programs of the Jama'at with great interest and made scholarly contributions to the topic under discussion.

In the words of Hadhrat Khalifatul Massih ul Khamis [aba], "she possessed many great qualities. She was loyal to Khilafat and had a great deal of love for the Holy Prophet[saw] and the Promised Messiah[as]. (Friday Sermon December 17, 2021).

We pray that *Allah*, the *Almighty*, may exalt her status and grant her a lofty place in *Jannatul Firdaus*. May He grant solace to her family to bear this loss with fortitude.

Copies of this resolution are to be sent to Respected Dr. Ahsan Ullah Zafar Sahib, Former Ameer Jam'aat USA, to her daughters – Dr. Subooha Zafar Sahiba and Dr. Hanna Zafar Sahiba and to the Editor, The Ahmadiyya Gazette, USA for publication.

Dr. Safee Ullah Chaudhri, Serving as President
and Members of the Majlis Aamla, Willingboro Jama'at

# My Dear Mother Razia Begum Wainse (1922-2019)

**Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, Buffalo, New York**

In the spirit of the Qur'anic injunction "show kindness to parents" (2:84), Hadith of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), "Remember your deceased elders with kind words recollecting their positive attributes" and exhortations of Khalifatul-Masih IV and V that Ahmadis should remember and share the virtues of their elders, I have written the following lines in memory of my dear Ammi Jan (mother). One wonders about the depth of wisdom of the above exhortation. By reflecting on positive attributes of one's elders, one not only inspires the readers to inculcate those values in themselves and therefore helps promote a positive atmosphere in society in general, but also attains reward from Allah by acting upon the above injunctions.

My mother, Razia Begum Wainse, was born on 15 June 1922 to a respectable landlord family in the town of Dehriwala, District Gurdaspur, India. Dehriwala is about 3 miles from Qadian. She was the daughter of Chaudhary Dilawar Ali, son of Chaudhary Sultan Ahmad, who was younger brother of Chaudhary Sultan Ul Mulk, Zaildar of Dehriwala Darooghian. Both brothers were companions of the Promised Messiah.

She was admitted to elementary school but her maternal elders were not in favor of girls' education. Therefore, she was pulled out of school after second grade. In spite of her intense yearning to learn, even later in life, circumstances did not allow her to fulfill her ambition.

She was married to my dear father Chaudhary Muhammad Din Wainse on 13 February 1942. Muhammad Din was earlier engaged to another lady. When he accepted Ahmadiyyat at the age of 18 on 25 April 25, 1937, and the girl's parents heard of my father's acceptance of Ahmadiyyat, they annulled the engagement. It so happened that elder brother of my father), Chaudhary Ghulam Mohiuddin, was a friend of mother's uncle, Chaudhary Barkat Ali. The two of them discussed and agreed on the match and informed the respective families of their decision.

Chaudhary Muhammad Din Wainse had the honor of serving under Chaudhary Fateh Muhammad Sayal, Nazir-e-A'la, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya and then under Hazrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad (later Khalifatul-Masih III) Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Qadian. He used to mention his fond memories of visiting Companions of the Promised Messiah during his service tenure in Qadian. Particularly, Sher Ali (may Allah be pleased with him), who out of sheer kindness, would take him to his home and entertain him with appropriate meals including fresh buffalo milk.

After the partition, my parents migrated to Pakistan and settled on allotted farmland in the village of 'Rampura' close to the town of Sangla Hill, district Sheikhupura, Punjab, Pakistan. In 1961, he moved to Rabwah for the purpose of the religious and secular education of his children.

Like millions of those who immigrated to Pakistan, my parents' story of immigration too is a moving one. My mother narrated that they had only 24 hours to leave their homes. They started on foot while my mother was 8 ½ months pregnant with me. It took my parents 10 days to arrive at their initial destination from Ghazikot, District Gurdaspur, India to Mirpur Khas in Sindh of Pakistan. One of mother's uncles, Chaudhary Muhammad Zaman, was living in Mirpur Khas. Two weeks later, I was born. It was a happy occasion, but mother's pleasure was diminished by the difficult circumstances and limited resources. The village of Ghazikot was 14 miles from Qadian.

My mother had many admirable qualities. She was honest, truthful, straightforward, brave and compassionate woman. She had incredibly strong will power. In addition, she had a profound attachment to Khilafat and Ahmadiyya Community. If she overheard any careless comment from any of us, she would correct us on the spot. She had great respect and reverence for companions of the Promised Messiah. During our early years in Rabwah when we were growing up and going through our schooling, she would frequently visit Gulam Rasool Rajeki (may Allah be pleased with him), Mukhtar Ahmad Shah Jahanpuri (may Allah be pleased with him), Muhammad Ibrahim Baqapuri (may Allah be pleased with him), Abdul Latif Bahawalpuri (may Allah be pleased with him) and request for prayers. Our house and house of Gulam Rasool Rajeki was separated by one house only. Dr Farzand Ali, the Late father of Chaudhary Hadi Ali, Ex-Wakil-ut-Tabshir, and later Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada also lived near our house.

Gulam Rasool Rajeki would raise his hands for prayer and at the conclusion of prayer, at times would say, "Roshni Nazar Aa'ee (Saw the Light)" meaning the prayer was accepted. Once, at a final exam of my younger brother, my mother requested him for prayer. He, after the prayer, said, "Qadam Ba Qadam" meaning step by step. My brother could qualify one subject and cleared that subject in the supplementary exam.

Our mother was a lady of great fortitude, courage, patience and endurance in adversity. She always acted in a dignified manner. Out of many, I will share a few incidences here.

During his high school years, my younger brother Muhammad Javed Iqbal, Senior Engineer WAPDA (Retired), once fell seriously ill. While our mother was helping him walk over to the bathroom, he collapsed in her hands and fell down on the paved front yard. Our father, being soft hearted, could not bear it and started crying. At that moment, I too, not having medical knowledge at the time, feared for the worst. However, she at that moment, while herself in shock, did not say a word of despair and showed great patience and courage while consoling all of us.

In 1972, my younger brother, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Iqbal, had contracted Typhoid fever. The illness was protracted. I was then Captain in the Army Medical Corps and was stationed in Narowal city near Sialkot. Our mother sent someone for me. I came home to Rabwah, consulted Dr. Mirza Munawar Ahmad in person and started the recommended treatment. Khalid was weakened to the point that the thought of the unthinkable was crossing my mind. One day, when she was attending to him, he shook hands with her with the expression that he was saying "goodbye." Our father was watching this and became overwhelmed with emotion. Once again, at that moment our mother comforted both Khalid and her husband. On another occasion when I was leaving Pakistan the first time for Iran, my father could not control his emotions and was in tears. Our mother was again there to cheer him up.

By the grace of Allah, she was recipient of many true dreams. She dreamt that she was offering a glass of milk to her husband. After a while, my father was promoted from sub-inspector to inspector in his department of co-operative banking. During the aforementioned illness of my brother, Muhammad Javed Iqbal, she saw a dream that Javed was fine and healthy. Soon thereafter, my brother fully recovered. During our school years, she would see many dreams about our exams and other household matters, which would also be fulfilled.

Once she had a dream that she was sitting on a decorative bed and the bed kept moving up, meaning elevation, both material and spiritual. In another dream, she noted as she got close to a door, it spontaneously opened up. She went near another door, and it also spontaneously opened up. In total, seven doors opened spontaneously one after the other. She mentioned this dream to Khalifatul-Masih the IV. Huzoor replied, "It is a blessed dream."

During my father's last and protracted illness, she had a dream: He is riding a train. The train stops at the home station. She is at the station looking at him and asks him to get off the train. He is looking back at her but does not respond. Train left the station. Our father never recovered. This dream was exactly fulfilled. After stay of a few days in the hospital, while I was bringing him back home, his nose started bleeding. I immediately stopped at my office on the way home and applied some cold compresses and pressure with little improvement. Hoping the bleeding will stop spontaneously, I continued driving and arrived home in 20 minutes. When I stopped in the driveway and looked back at him, his shirt was completely soaked with blood. He was still bleeding. I called my wife from the driveway and asked her to bring him a new shirt and ice packs. The bleeding did not stop. Meanwhile, out mother came out to the driveway and waved at our father. He waved at her back but could not speak. Without entering the home, I took him back to the hospital where he passed away the next day.

She had a strong sense of discipline for her children. She taught us the importance of honesty and integrity. She was a Musiyya. She was always regular in Chanda payments, according to the prescribed rate, despite financial hardships at times.

Many times, for contributions towards building of mosques and other appeals, she would donate her jewelry. In the early 1990s, Missionary Shaikh Mubarak Ahmad toured different Chapters and stopped in Syracuse for appeal of donations towards the building of Bait-ur-Rehman in Washington, D.C. She donated her gold bangles on the spot.

My mother was regular in Tahajjud prayer, which was followed by hours of Tasbih-o-Tahmeed and daily recitation of the Holy Qur'ān. During Ramadan she would complete 3-4 revisions of the Holy Qur'ān. She had a firm belief in the hereafter and would discuss the pleasures of Heavens from references in the Holy Qur'ān.

In 2005, my parents, my wife, my three children, and I were all blessed with the opportunity to perform Umrah and visited the holy sites in Makkah and Medina on a 10-day visit. During Umrah, my three boys had the honor of assisting and helping my parents perform the rituals. We rented wheelchairs for both parents and the boys had the enjoyment and blessing of wheeling the chairs. Our lodging was in the hotel next to Al-Haram and the rooms assigned were such that the Holy Ka'aba was visible through their windows. Both my parents spent most of their stay in the Hotel awake, facing the Holy Ka'aba, constantly praying. Every moment of that visit is a cherished memory for the entire family.

In October 2017, she was

admitted to the hospital for 10 days. After coming out of the hospital at the age of 95, she initially lost her short-term memory. Then, gradually her orientation and long-term memory also progressively declined. Occasionally, she would recall of prayer times and try to pray as much as she could.

During her last two years, she was largely bedridden. Whenever myself or my wife would visit her in her room, in the dining room for meals, or in the family room for relaxation, we would say As-Salamu ‘Alaikum. She would warmly respond and say, “Moon Thhan kar” meaning bring your face down. We would do so and she would start and continue kissing us endlessly until we responded in kind. Then she would respond back with prayers for our health and long life. She would lovingly do the same routine for all of her children and grandchildren.

Our mother always expressed deep gratitude to my wife, Shagufta, for her dedication in taking care of my both parents and she would not hesitate to express it in the presence of relatives and friends. She would frequently address my wife as, “Baitee (daughter)! You are very dear to me” and would repeat it. My wife would respond in kind and love would glow and flow from each side to the other. She ingrained in us, her children, what it means to be devout. She was a source of prayers for all who knew her.

She was admitted to hospital on the morning of 10 December 2019 due to shortness of breath. Her condition deteriorated the next day. However, there was some improvement on 12th December. The attending doctor’s assessment was that she had clinically turned around and was hopeful that she could be discharged in couple of days.

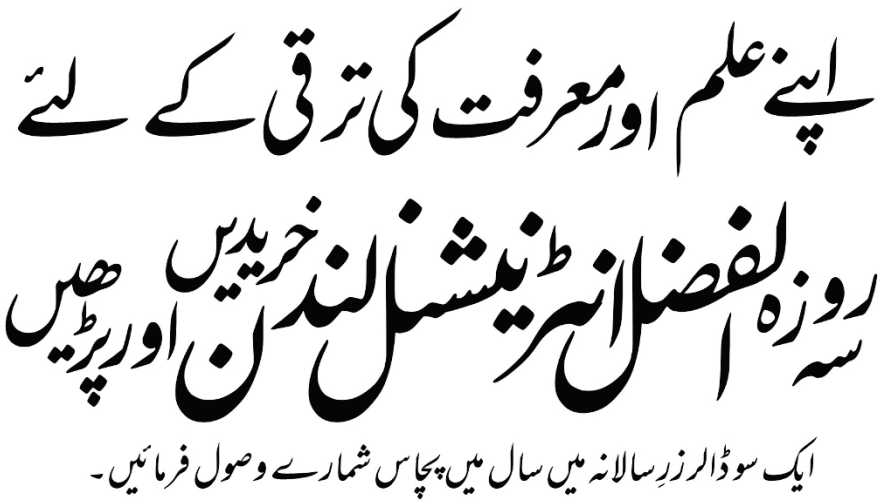
I and my wife, Shagufta, were attending her morning, noon and evening for several hours every day. Both of us noted that on 12th December throughout the day she was unusually absorbed in herself and would frequently recite Kalima Tayyaba followed by As-Salamu ‘Alaikum, as if she was in a different world. Same night at 2 AM on Friday 13 December 2019 at the age of 97 she was in the lap of her Creator. *Inna Lillāhi wa Innā Ilaihi raji‘oon.* Retrospectively, I believe, she was made aware of end of her time by God Almighty.

Her funeral was held on 15th December, which was led by Regional Missionary Adnan Ahmad. The burial took place on Monday, 16 December 2019 in Qiṭ‘a Musiyān of Ahmadiyya graveyard in Syracuse, NY. Hazrat Khalifatul-Masih V very graciously led funeral prayer in absentia on 19 February 2020 in Mubarak Mosque Tilford UK before Zuhr prayer.

She is survived by her 5 children, 20 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Among the grandchildren and their spouses 12 are medical doctors including 5 specialists, 3 engineers, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and remaining in different other fields. Her children are:

Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal; Buffalo, New York. USA, Muhammad Javed Iqbal, Retired Senior engineer, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Iqbal, Rabwah, Pakistan, Bushra Perwaiz Chaudhary, Silver Spring, Maryland, USA and Shagufta Naseem Chaudhary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Mother’s memories are our asset. May Allah grant her high status in Jannat-ul-Firdaus. Amin.

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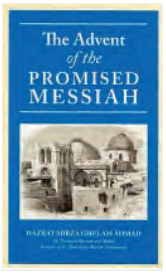

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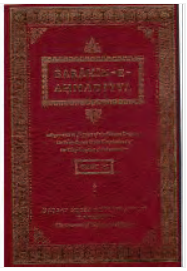
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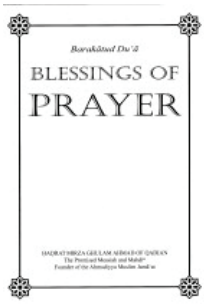

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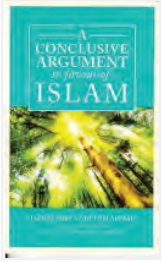

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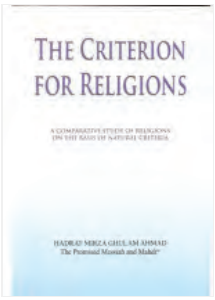

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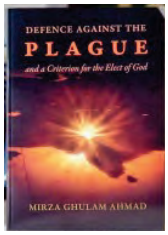

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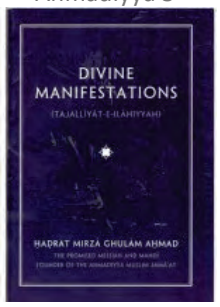

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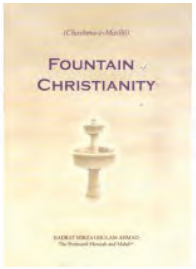

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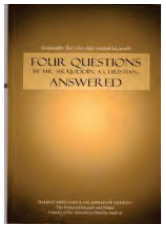

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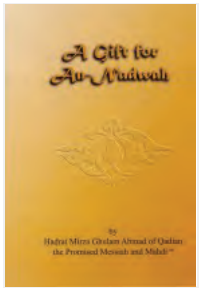

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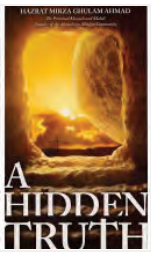

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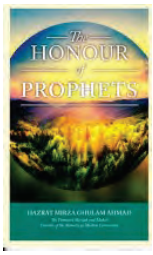

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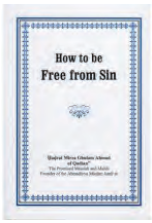

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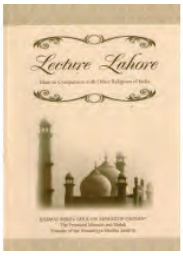

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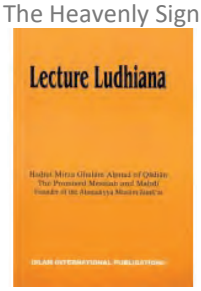

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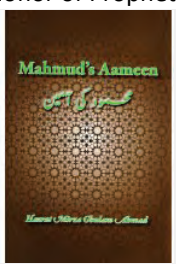

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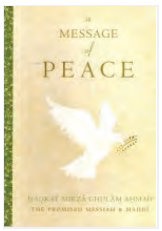

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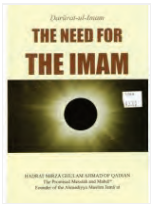

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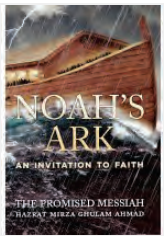

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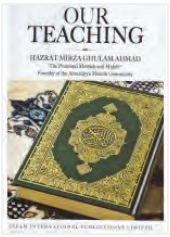

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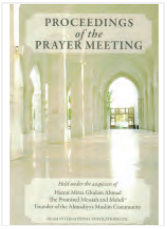

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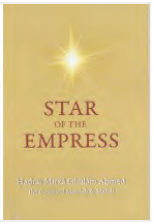

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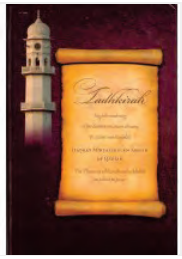

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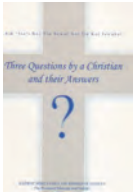

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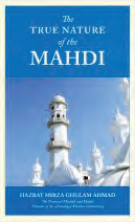

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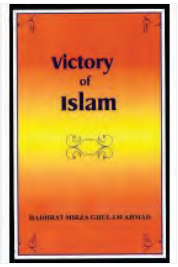

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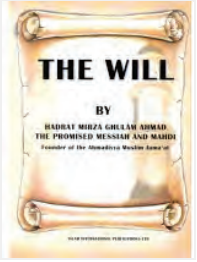

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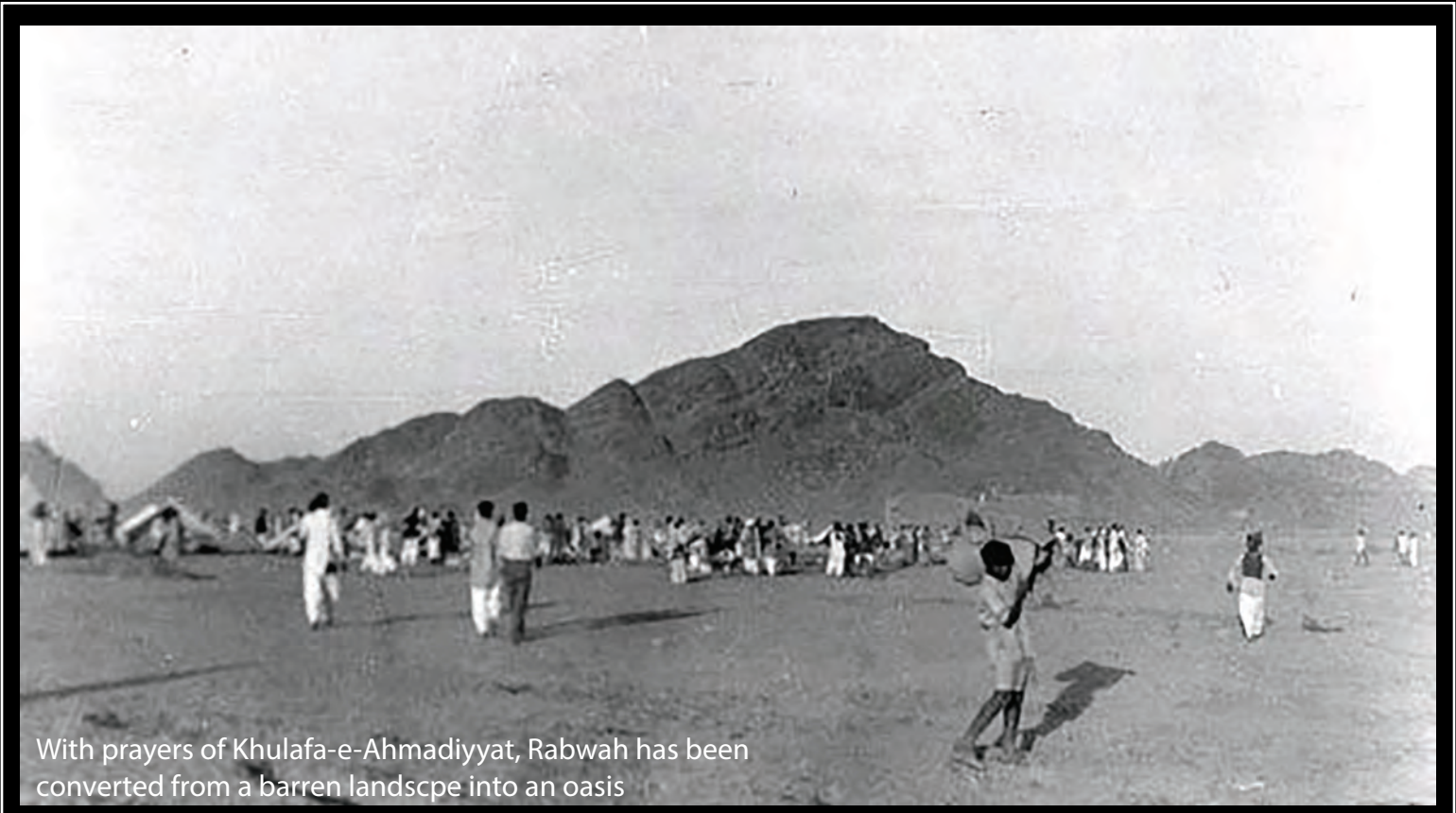

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